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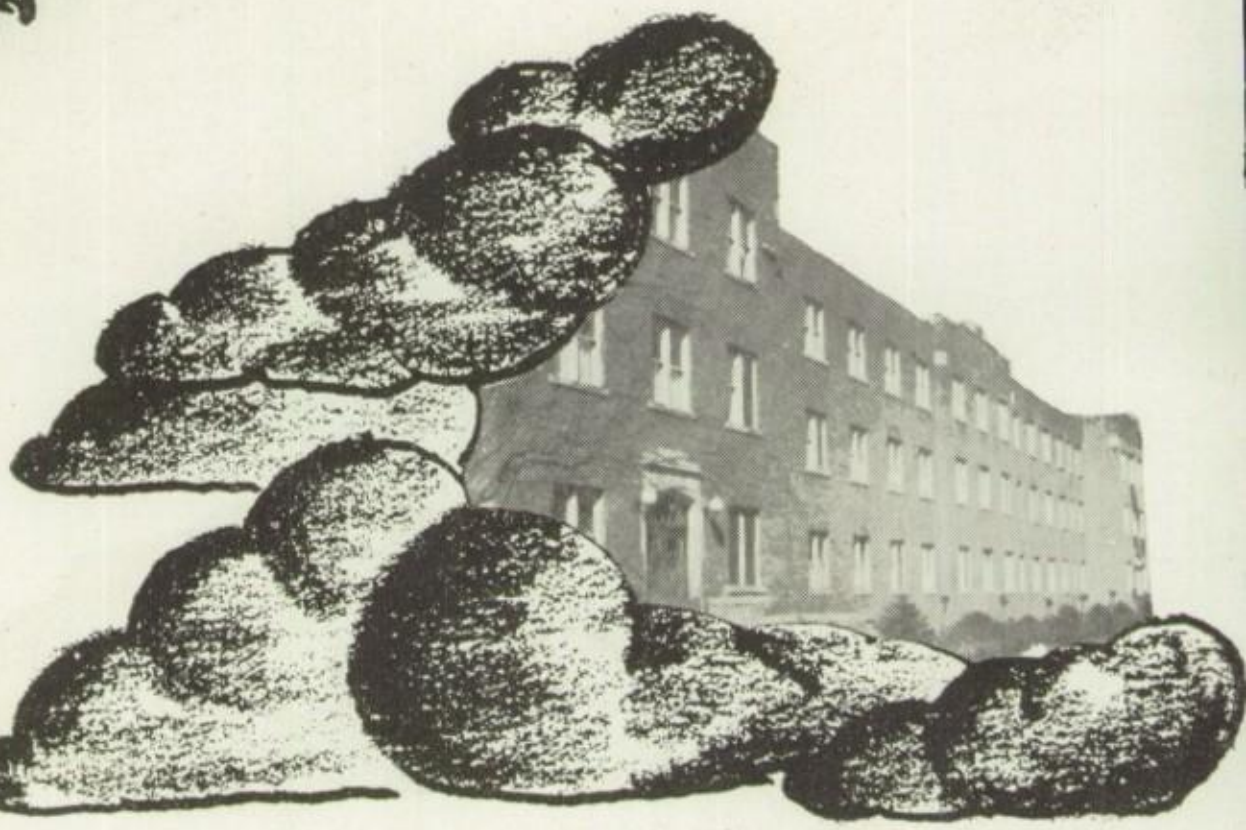

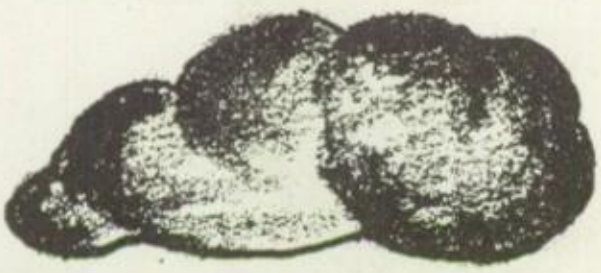

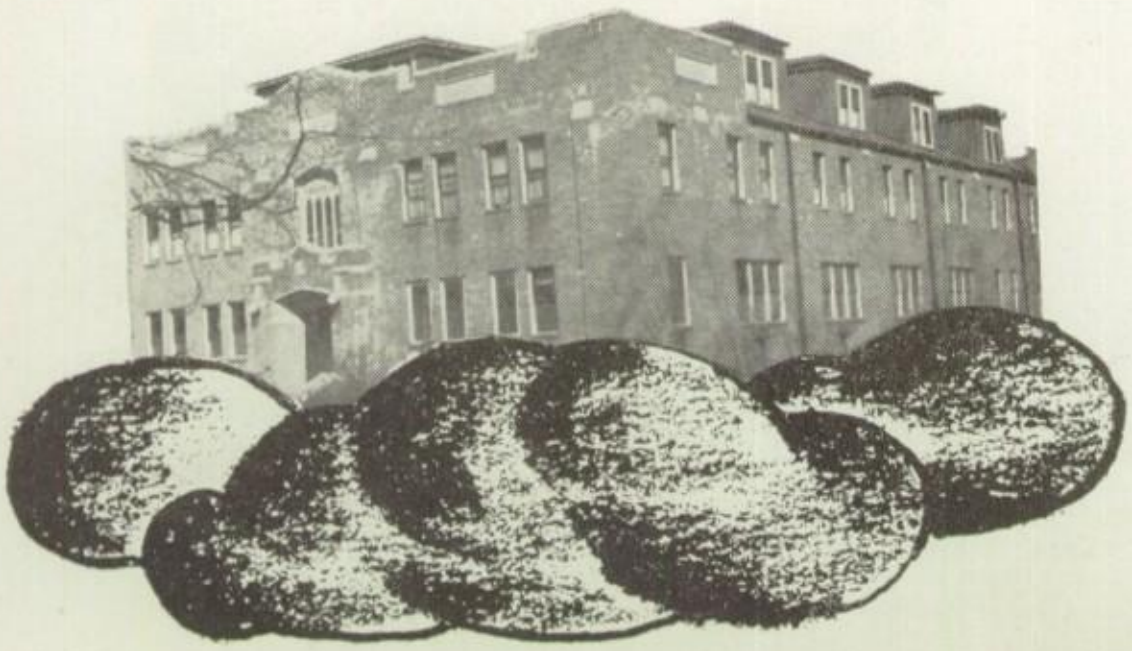

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This Ninth Volume of the Eagle

to

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whose love of freedom and self-sacrifice

helped to build America

and

to

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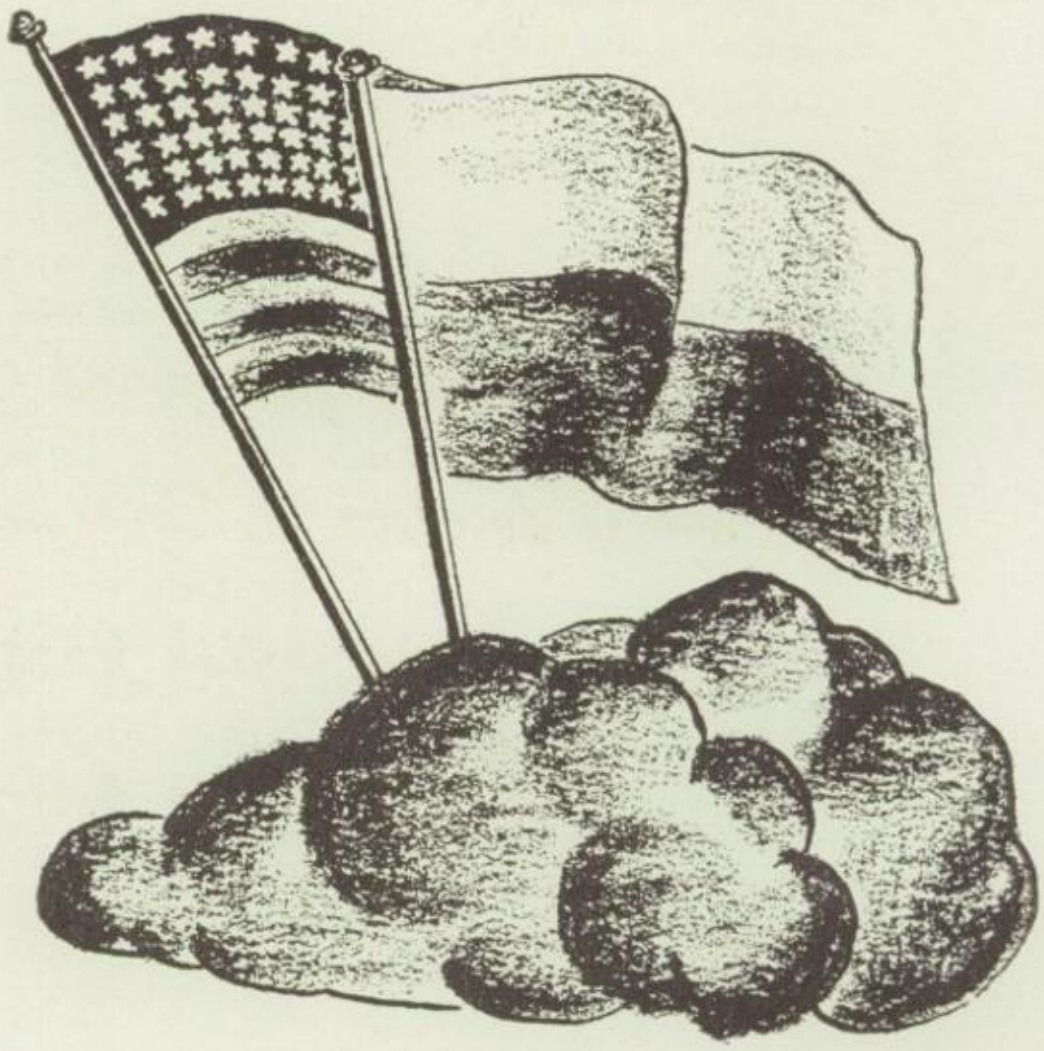
whose devotion to Catholic, American,

and Polish Ideals

is enriching America



His Eminence

Cardinal Mooney

A NEW episode was recorded in the history of the archdiocese of Detroit, when Archbishop Edward Mooney was elevated to the princely dignity of a Cardinal—the first in this great archdiocese.

This elevation strikes a most responsive and joyful cord in the hearts of all residents of St. Mary's. Ever since his arrival to Detroit in 1937, Cardinal Mooney has shown a particular concern for the educational institutions at Orchard Lake popularly called The Polish Seminary. At every opportunity he has most willingly favored us with his advice and assistance.

Cardinal Mooney has regularly taken part in our annual graduations and ordinations. His speeches on these occasions are among our most memorable possessions, emphasizing as they do the importance and purpose of St. Mary's. His letter to Polish American priests assembled at the First Polish Homiletic Convention sponsored by St. Mary's in 1941, pointing out the needs and problems of the Polish American pastorate, remains a constant inspiration and challenge to us.

Cardinal Mooney has also inspired us with a deep gratitude by his profound understanding of and sympathy for the tragic sufferings of Catholic Poland. Not only has he been an outspoken champion of the Polish cause on the platform and in the press, but he also has called upon us to repay our manifold debt to Poland for its contribution and heritage to our life. His appeal to our sense of gratitude has left a lasting echo in our hearts, an echo that one day will ring with action.

So real and vital has been Cardinal Mooney's influence upon St. Mary's and its residents, students and faculty alike, that future historians of Polish American life will have to devote a special chapter to his many beneficent activities. We of necessity must satisfy ourselves here simply by calling attention to his many services and by expressing our sincerest gratitude in the face of the tremendous indebtedness that lastingly binds us to him.

Edward Cardinal Mooney, D.D.

His Excellency

Bishop Woznicki

THE year 1938 brought new honors to the institutions at Orchard Lake, for it was in that year, that an alumnus, Reverend Stephen Woznicki was elevated to the rank of Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit. Our Alma Mater looked upon this elevation with pride and joy, for the Bishop's zeal for the salvation of souls and his untiring work, which earned him recognition, was but a reflection of her training.

Bishop Woznicki has always been a shining example of the spirit of St. Mary's—a spirit that is the predominant factor behind all the various activities of our institution—a spirit, which never has, nor never shall depart from the souls of its many loyal sons.

The career of Bishop Woznicki has been intimately linked with our institution. Serving as Vice Chairman on the Board of Trustees, he has aided in directing the policies of our institution. He has visited us frequently and has taken part in the various affairs at St. Mary's. This loyalty stirs in the students of St. Mary's a deep, genuine feeling of attachment and profound respect for His Excellency.

Though the Bishop's career was connected with St. Mary's, it was not limited to it. As Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit, this Apostle of Christ stands as the pastor of his vast flock and it is to him that his sheep look for paternal guidance.

At present Bishop Woznicki is directing the League for Religious Assistance to Poland. He believes that since we Americans of Polish ancestry have received the true Faith, with its accompanying good virtues through our forefathers, it follows that the Church in Poland has a right to look to our assistance, so that her people may again have their churches and institutions of education as they did in the past. Toward this end the Bishop has exerted great efforts.

Thus do we proudly and respectfully pay tribute in this testimonial of the graduating class of 1946 to the Bishop, whose zeal and labor have been so powerful an inspiration in moulding us men of Christ and standard bearers of His Catholic Faith.

Most Reverend S. Woznicki, D.D.

"The stars come nightly to the skies;
The tidal wave unto the sea;
Nor time, nor space, nor deep, nor high,
Can keep my own away from me.
Looking toward the ultimate sea.
"So I stand by my cross on the lone mountain crest,
In the gloom of the mountain a ship lies at rest,
And one sails away from the lea,
One spreads its white sails on a far-reaching track,
With pennant and sheet flowing free.
One lies in the shadow with sails laid back,
The ship that is waiting for me.
For lo, in the distance the clouds break away,
The gate's flowing portals I see.

(Author Unknown)

The Administration

Dear Students,

Seeing a number of you graduating and leaving the institution, I cannot help but think of your future and your life-work. As you advance in years you will be expected to take a more and more active part in the management of human affairs, be it in the parish, city, state or nation. The world sorely needs men whose thinking is clear and whose **courage** is high. Blessed by the precious heritage of Catholic Philosophy, you have at hand the means to satisfy these needs.

You are witnesses to a sad spectacle: Strong, robust America unable to come to the relief of a sick world, because her minds cannot think; courageous, brave America yielding to the temptation of appeasement and outright compromise with unethical principles; ideal-loving, God-fearing America espousing and promoting causes which are diametrically opposed to everything for what She had once stood. Its system of education based on questionable and false principles has weakened and is slowly nullyfying her "leavening" abilities over evil.

We have won the war, but are losing the peace. Be ever mindful that you have the equipment which makes men just, noble and holy, and which makes nations great. Standing for and using these means will assure success in your work and will hasten the reign of justice and charity in the world at large.

Monsignor E. Szumal

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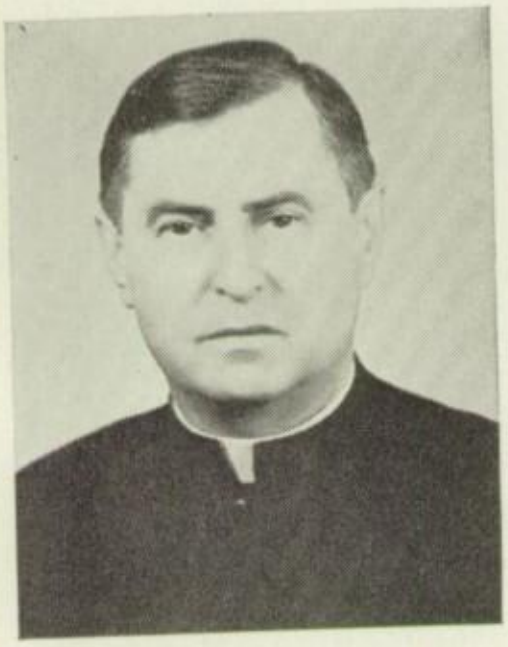

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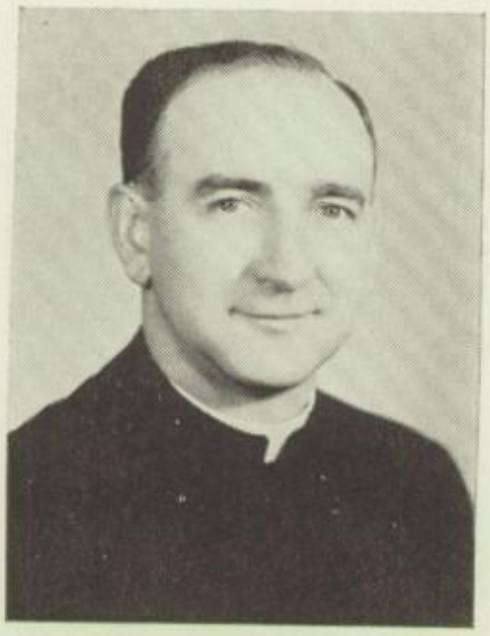

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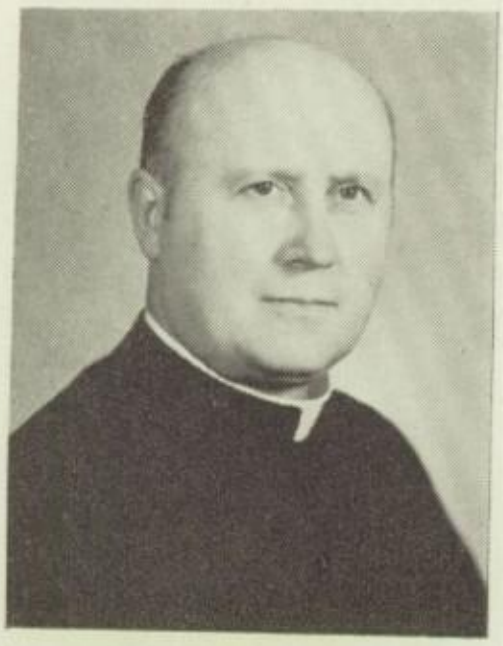

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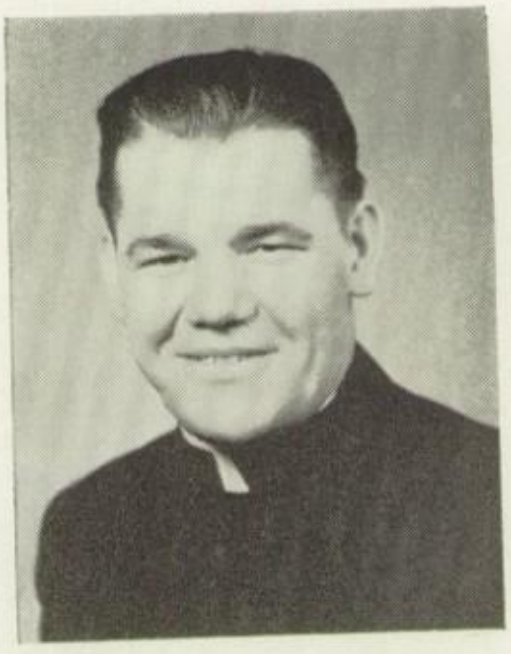

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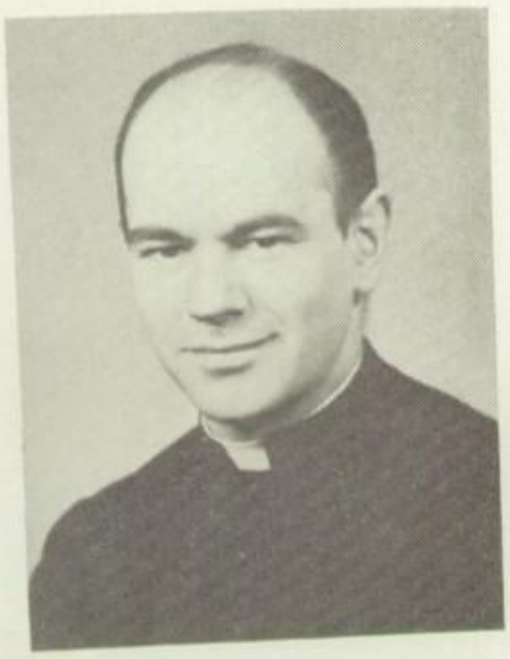

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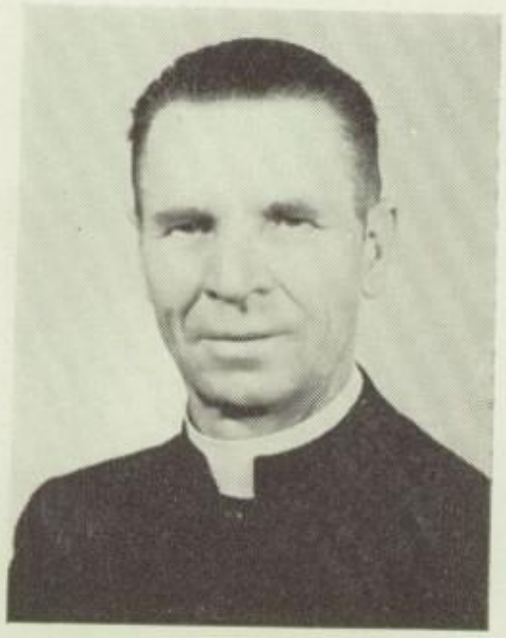

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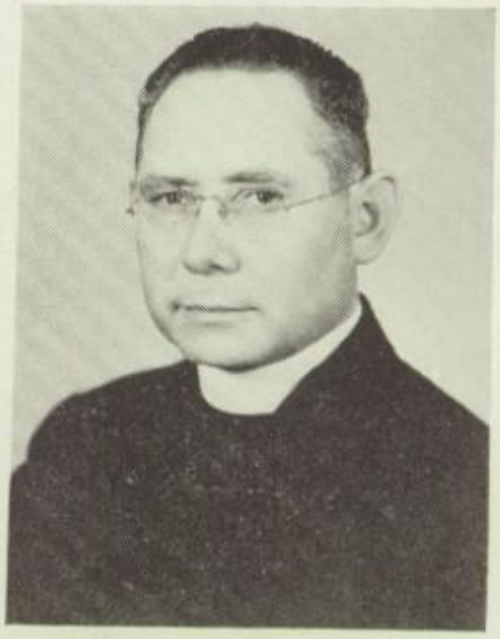

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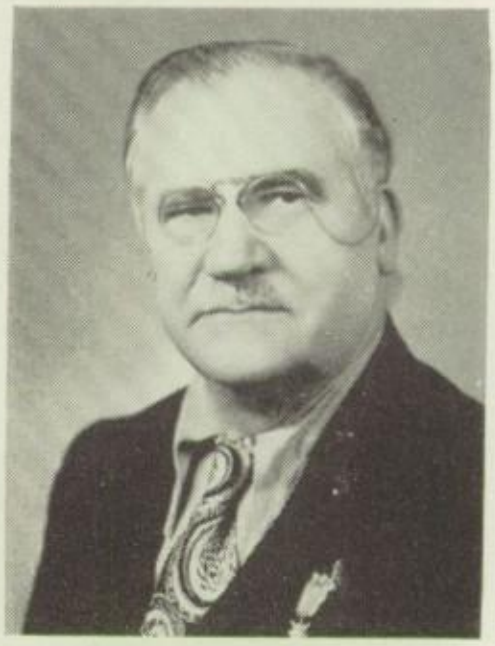

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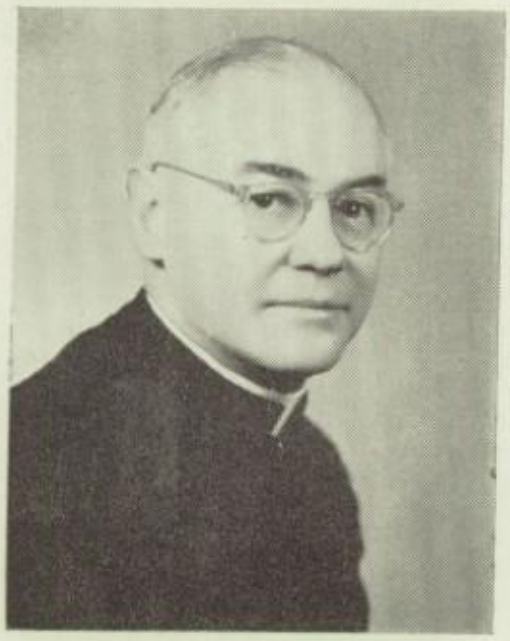

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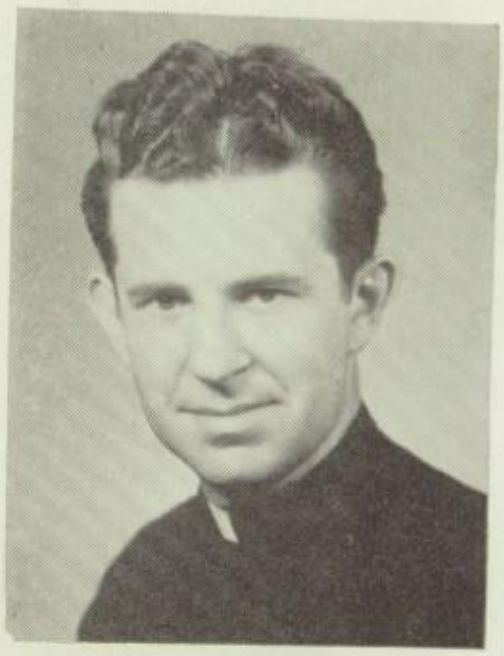

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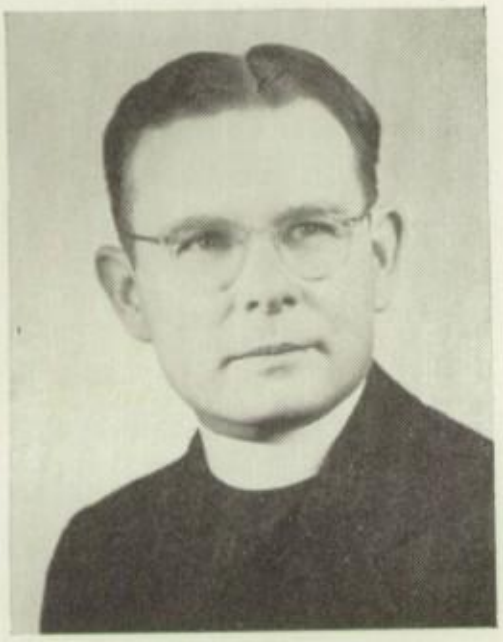

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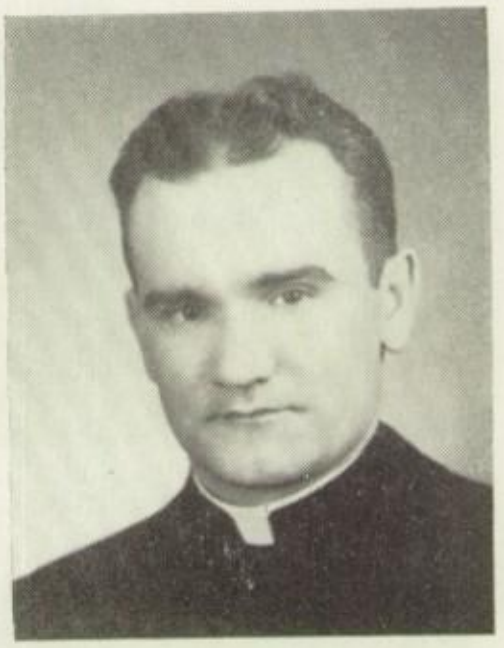

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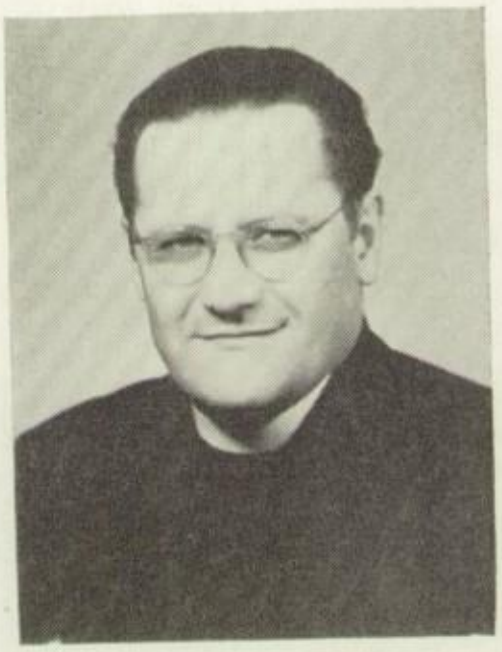

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Immigrant

I am so lonely, God!
here all the things are strange . . .
not one warm friendly nod
will men with me exchange.

I never hear them say,
"let Jesus Christ be praised",
or find by some highway
small crucifixes raised.

They curse and shout, "Polack"!
"You foreigner"; and sneer.
I would that I were back . . .
God! I am lonely here.

Alan Edward Symanski

The Graduates

AS another scholastic year comes to a conclusion, the class of '46 prepares to take its place in that vast army of Orchard Lake Alumni. There is a feeling of joy in our hearts, for we have finally attained that prized goal of every undergraduate—Commencement Day! There is joy, for the rugged ship of '46, through storms and billows, rocks and shoals, has reached its port!

And yet this happiness begins to fade. The pleasant memories of scholastic days begin to melt into a dim background and strangely enough, we find our joy permeated with sadness. For though Commencement signifies that we have happily realized a virile Catholic training and education, which will enable us to make our way safely through the hazardous paths and adventurous trails of Life, it also signifies that we must say a sad farewell.

It is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to You—our dear Alma Mater. No longer shall we cross Your campus, no longer shall we pass Your buildings! But the days, months, and years, which we have spent within Your hallowed walls have been fruitful ones, for we leave Your portals furnished with Your gifts of Catholic training and Education. We shall not waste Your gifts, but rather. we shall use them properly for the glory of God and benefit of our fellow men!

Yet, a school cannot be greater, in any way, than the men who direct it and so to your Rector and Faculty, through whom You accomplished Your work, we bid a special farewell, grateful that they planned for our future with the broad, true education aims of Your founder.

To our fellow students we say adieu and extend our wishes for a successful termination of their scholastic pursuits.

To our classmates, words of parting are most difficult. At this Commencement Day we are together as a class for the last time. Soon we shall disperse! We will be together no longer! Yet, though we part, we will be ever united spiritually when our thoughts wend a pleasant way back to those days we spent together as undergraduates, for the memory of our campus activities, the inspiring professorial background and academic traditions, will ever bind our hearts to our Alma Mater.

Bon Voyage!

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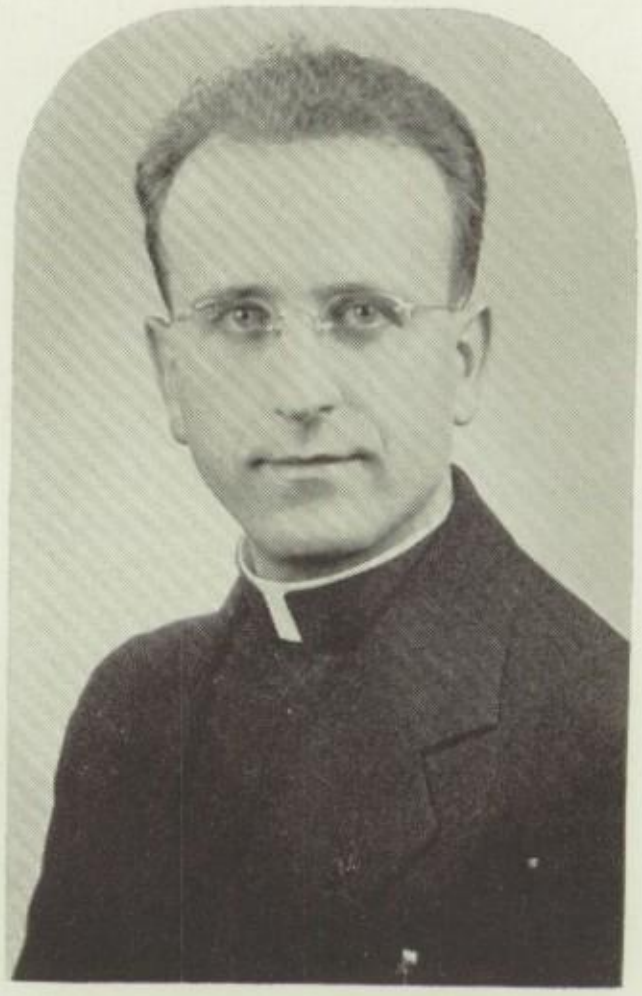

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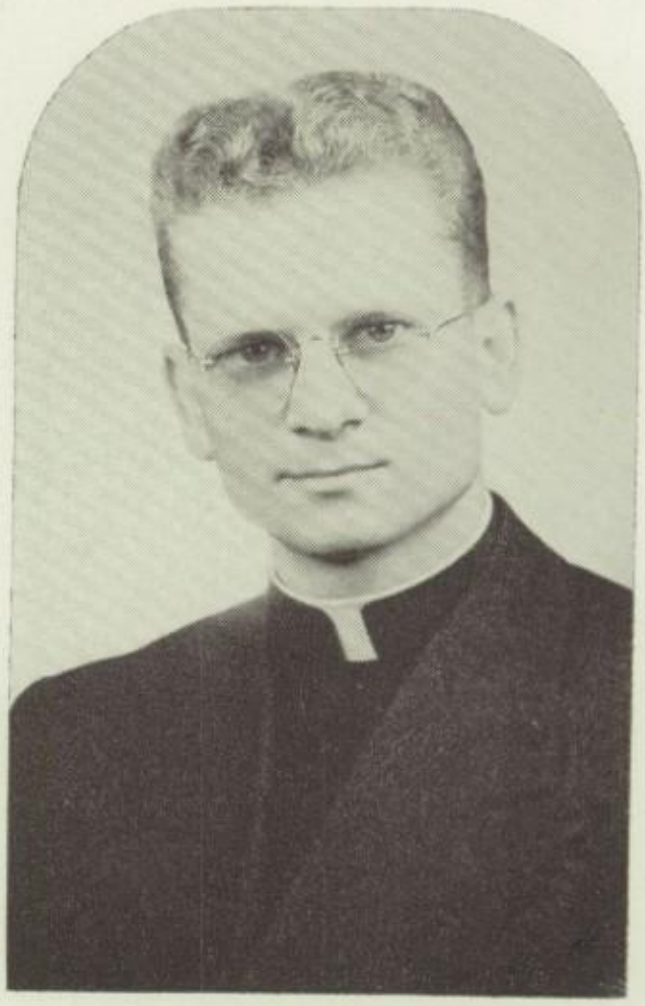

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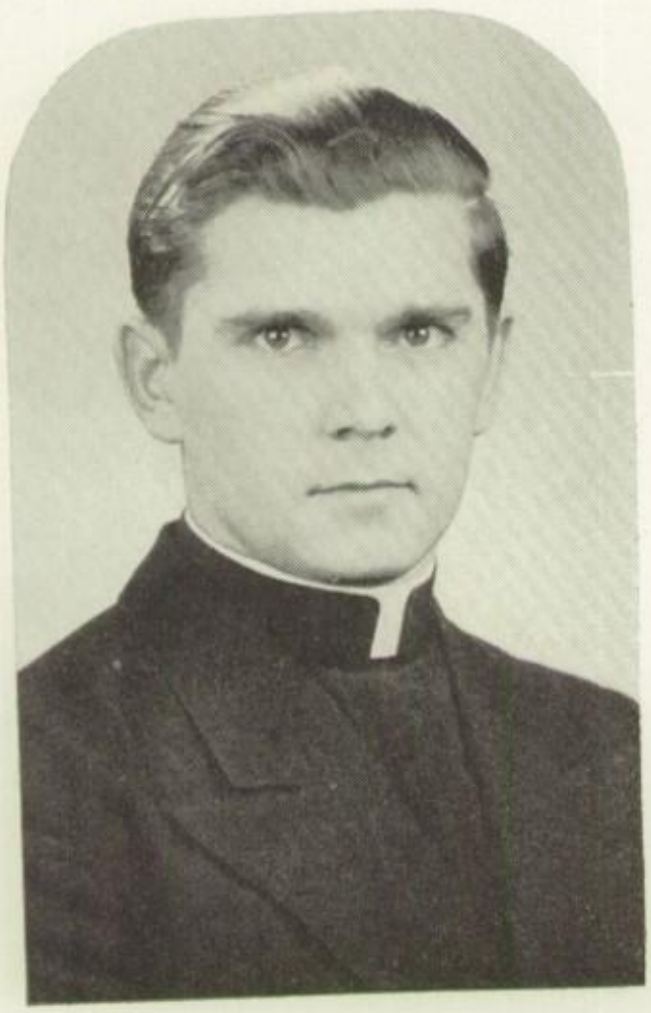

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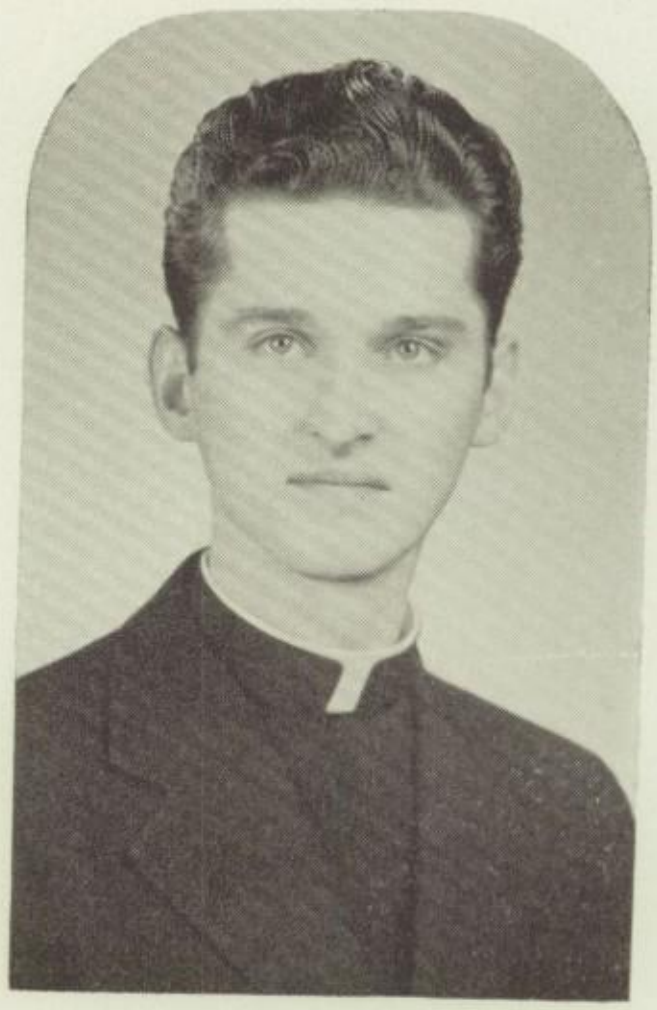

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Hymn

Christ to the young man said: "Yet one thing more;
If thou wouldst perfect be,
Sell all thou hast and give it to the poor,
And come and follow me!"

Within this temple Christ again, unseen,
Those sacred words hath said,
And his invisible hands to day have been
Laid on a young man's head.

And evermore beside him on his way
The unseen Christ shall move,
That he may lean upon his arm and say,
"Dost thou, dear Lord, approve?"

Beside him at the marriage feast shall be,
To make the scene more fair;
Beside him in the dark Gethsemane
Of pain and midnight prayer.

O holy trust! O endless sense of rest!
Like the beloved John
To lay his head upon the Saviour's breast,
And thus to journey on!

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

The Members of

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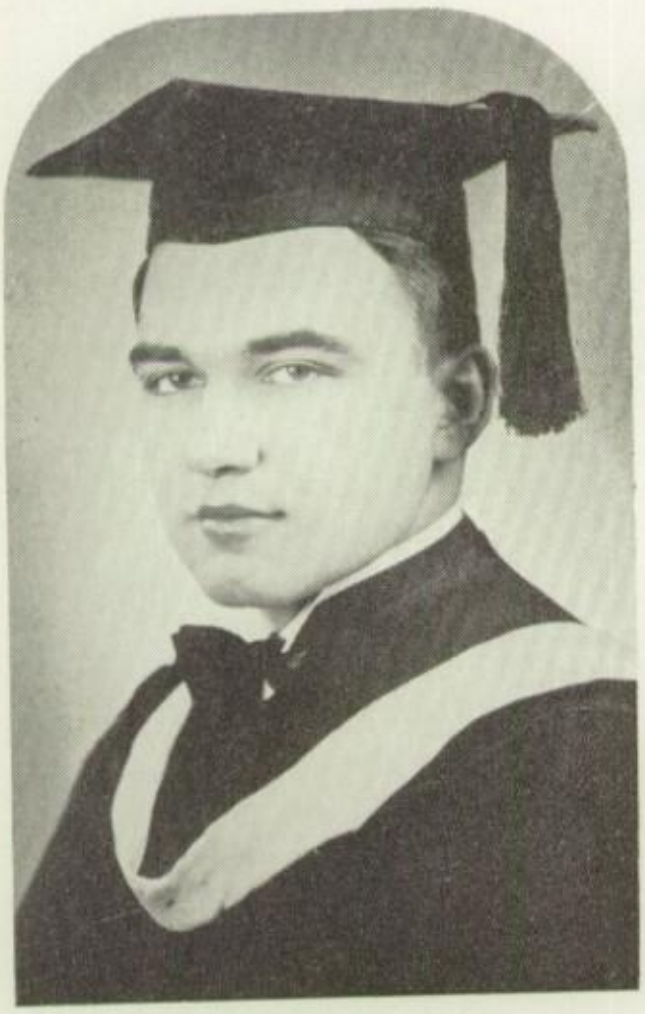

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"It is foolish to try to control others, when you cannot control yourself."

Publilius Syrus, Sent.

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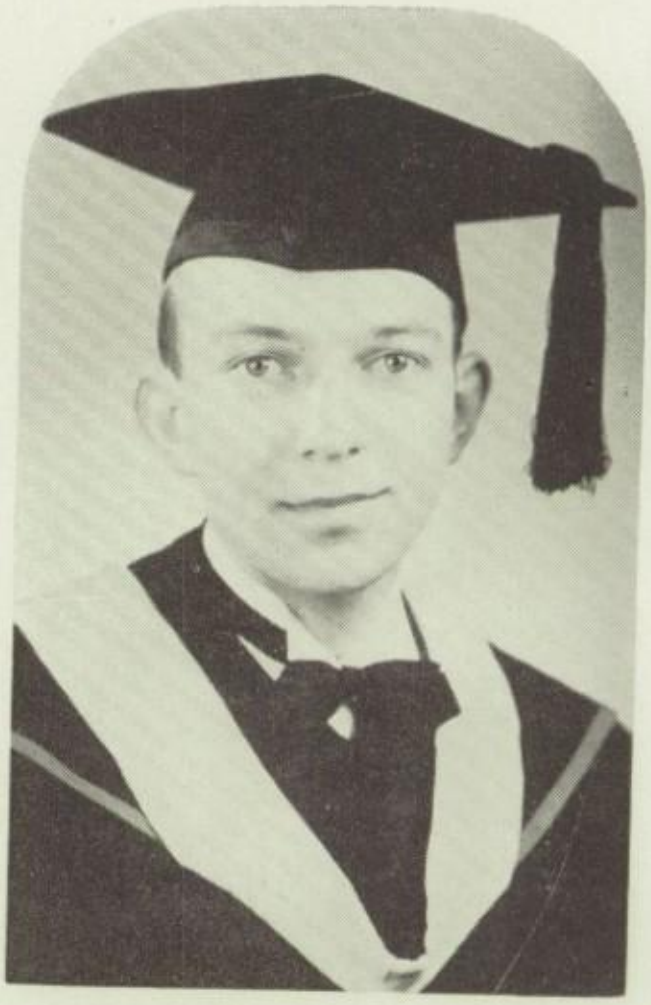
"How admirable is the path that leads to a happy life! how open, simple, and direct!"

Cicero, de Fin., I, XVIII, 57



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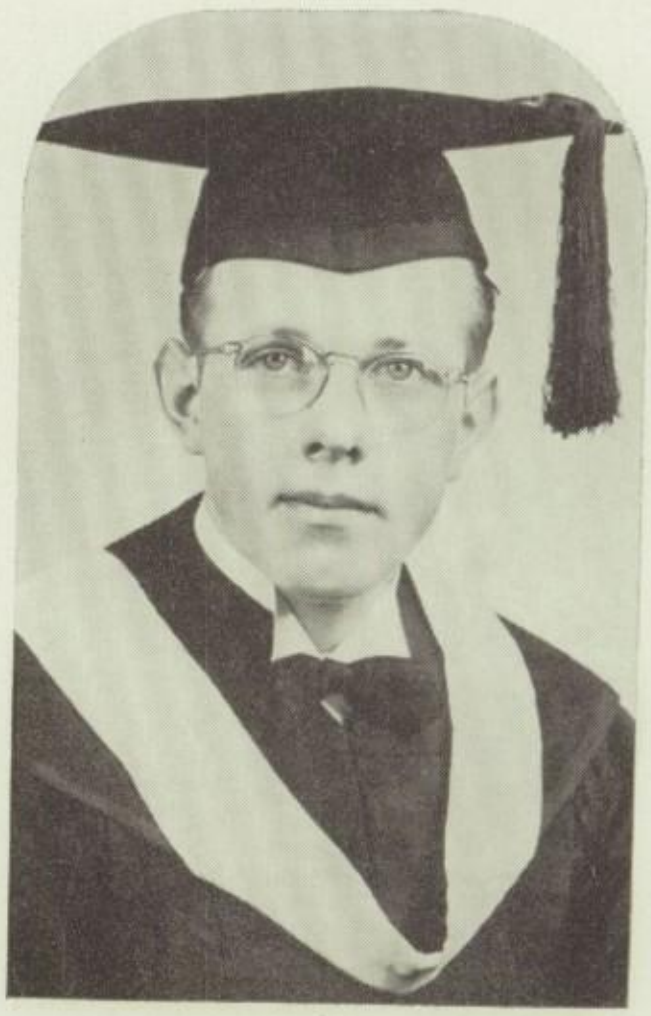
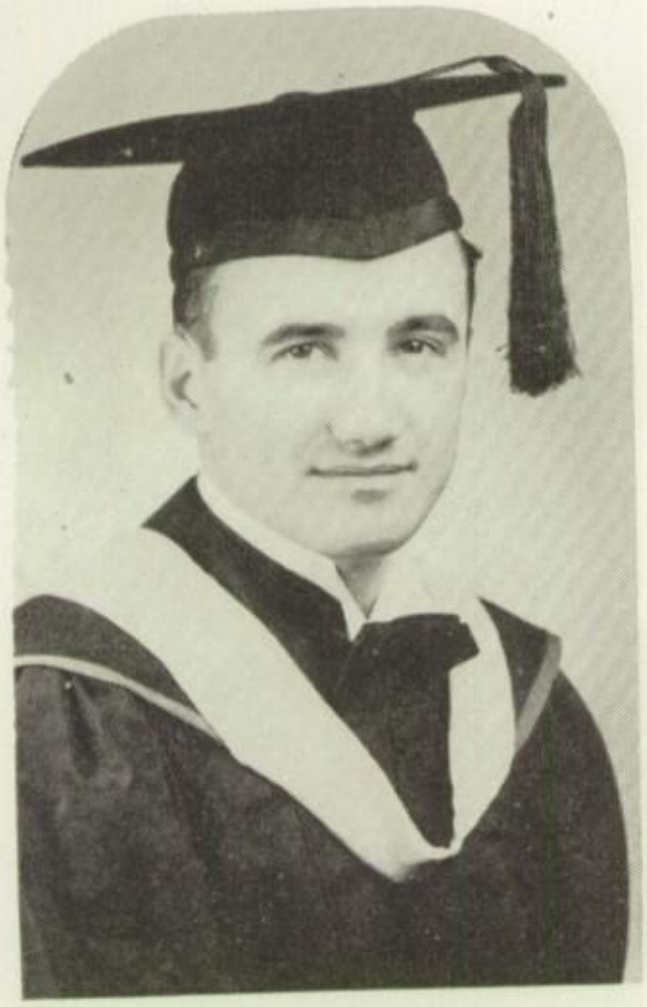
Publilius Syrus, Sent.





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"Accomplish what you can, according to your strength. For it is more useful to row along the shore than to launch far out into the deep."

Dionysius Cato, Dist., IV, 33

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"It is a man's own character that moulds his destiny."

Nepos, Attic., XI, 6

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"In times of stress show courage and a brave spirit. Yet wisely reef your sails when they are swollen by too fair a breeze."

Horace, Carm., II, X, 21

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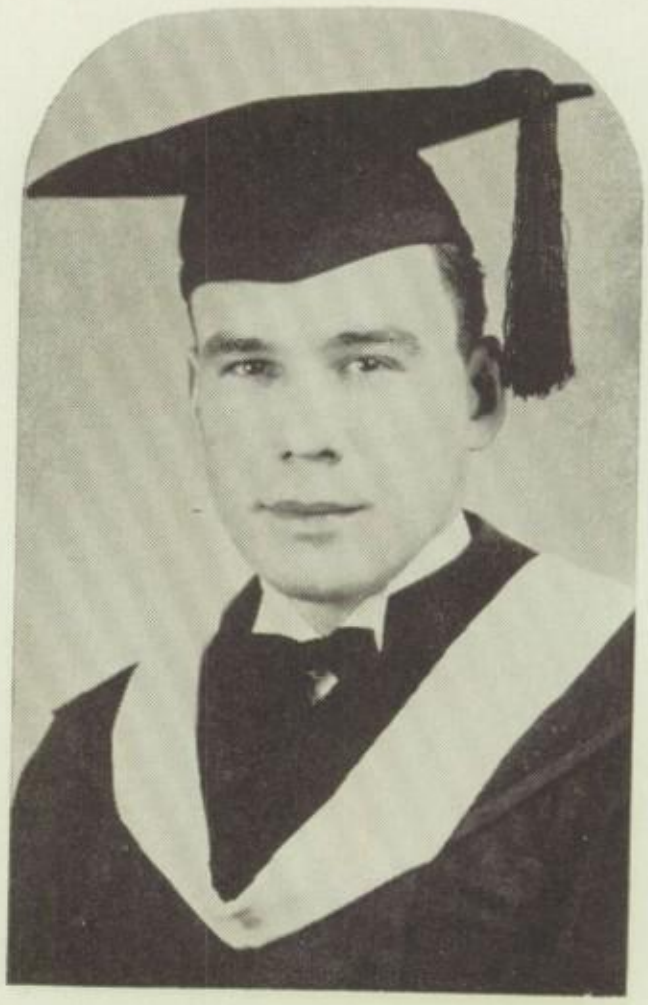
"What finer quality could be found in man than the conviction held by those who consider themselves born into this world for the express purpose of aiding, protecting, and preserving their fellow men?"

Cicero, Disp. Tusc., I, I, 14



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"Live among men as though God were watching you; converse with God as though men were listening."

Seneca, Epist., X, 5

HENRY IGNATIUS KRYSINSKI

Hammond, Indiana

"I feel that when seeking renown we might better employ our intellect than rely on brute strength, and, since the life we live is short, make men remember us as long as possible."

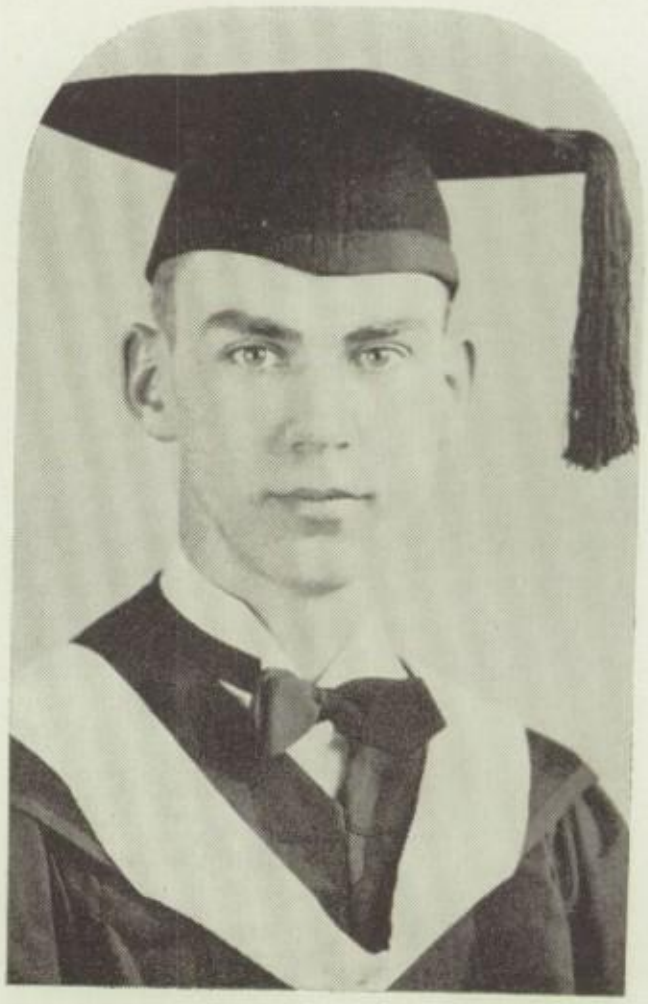
Sallust, Cat., I

RICHARD BENEDICT KUJAWA

St. Cloud, Minnesota

"Be silent and observe what men are saying around you. For conversation both reveals and conceals a man's character."

Dionysius Cato, Dist., 4, 20



MARIAN JOHN LESNIAK

Flint, Michigan

"It is what you are, not what you appear in men's eyes, that matters."

Publilius Syrus, Sent.

CHESTER LAURENCE MALICH

Chicago, Illinois

"It is how you live, not how long, that matters."

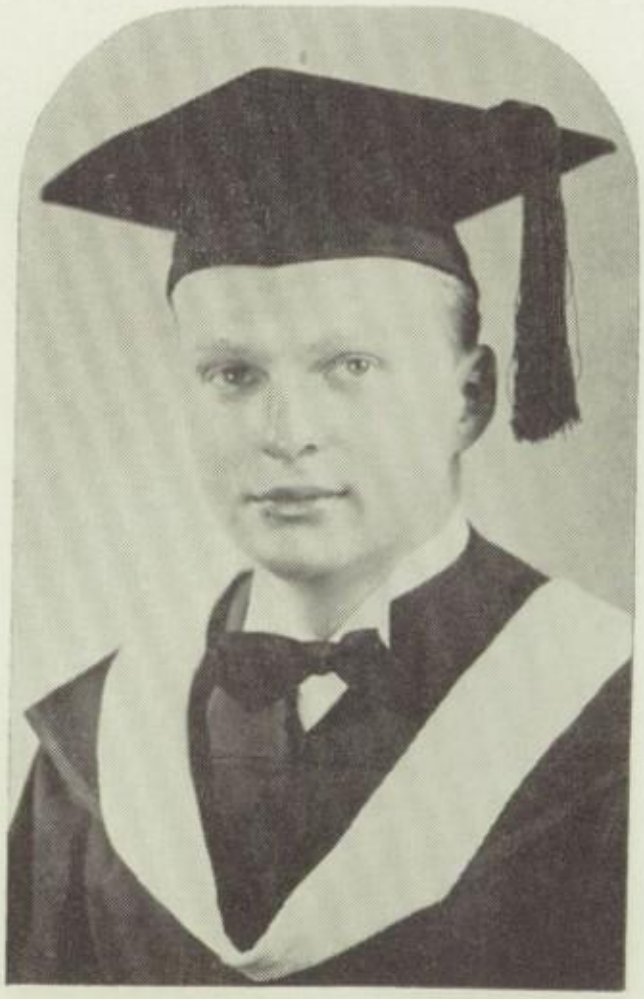
Publilius Syrus, Sent.

WALTER JOSEPH MASLOWSKI

Hudson, Pennsylvania

"God regards the purity of our hands, not their fulness."

Publilius Syrus, Sent.

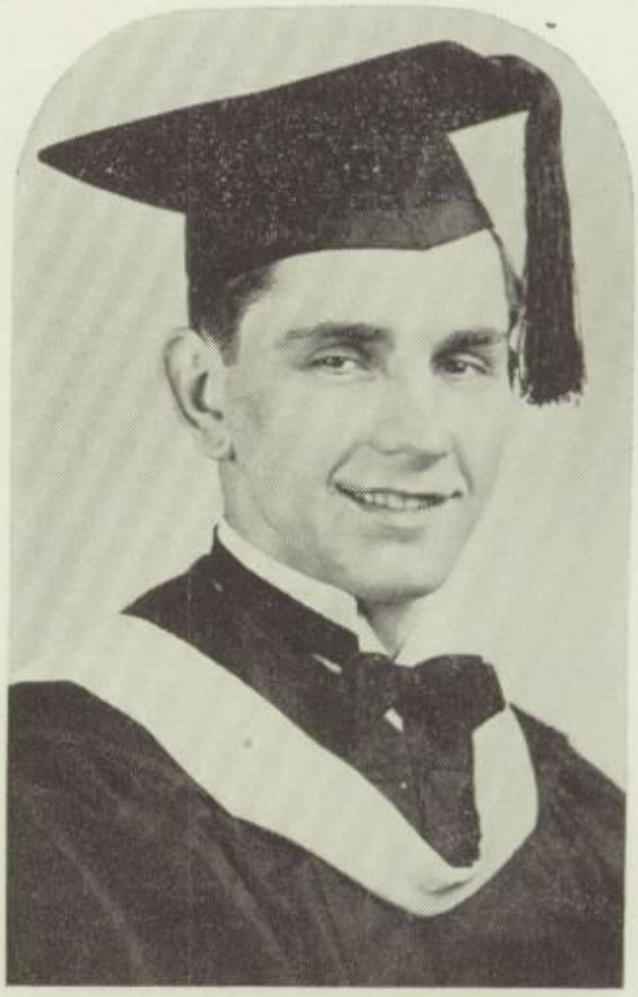


SIGISMUND JOHN MIERZWIAK

Toledo, Ohio

"The body needs many things for its strength; but the mind grows from within, nourishing itself and exercising its own faculties.

Seneca, Epist., LXXX, 3



EDWIN HARVEY MYSZAK

Flint, Michigan

"To trust everyone is as fallacious as to trust no one.

Seneca, Epist., III, 4

STANISLAUS JOHN OGORZAŁY

Buffalo, New York

"That man is safest in life who fears no one but God."

Publilius Syrus, Sent.

JOHN EUGENE PAWELSKI

Amherst Junction, Wisconsin

"Sweet is the remembrance of bygone toil."

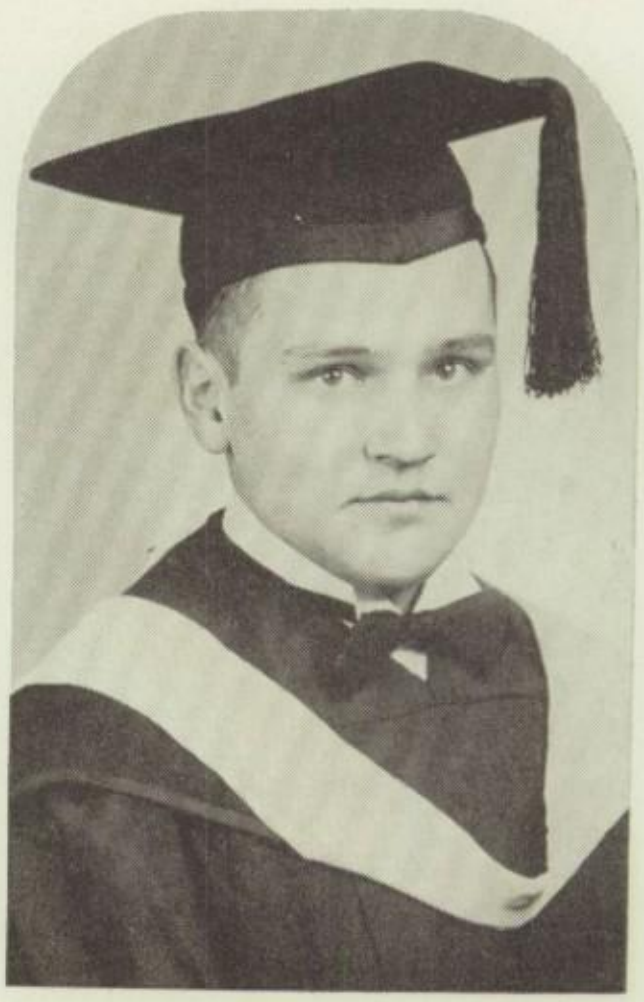
Cicero, de Fin., II, XXXII, 105

STANLEY MARIAN PIWOWAR

North Walpole, New Hampshire

"You must live for others if you wish to live for yourself."

Seneca, Epist., XLVIII, 2



MEDARD WALTER PLUTA

Lackawanna, New York

"Does it surprise you that men should be on their way to God? God himself comes down to men; nay, more He comes into them. For no soul is virtuous unless it contains God."

Seneca, Epist. LXXIII, 16

ANTHONY JOSEPH SZEWC

Buffalo, New York

"The more a man denies himself the more he will receive from God."

Horace, Carm., III, XVI, 21

RICHARD FRANCIS URBAN

Buffalo, New York

"Reflection, not age, brings wisdom."

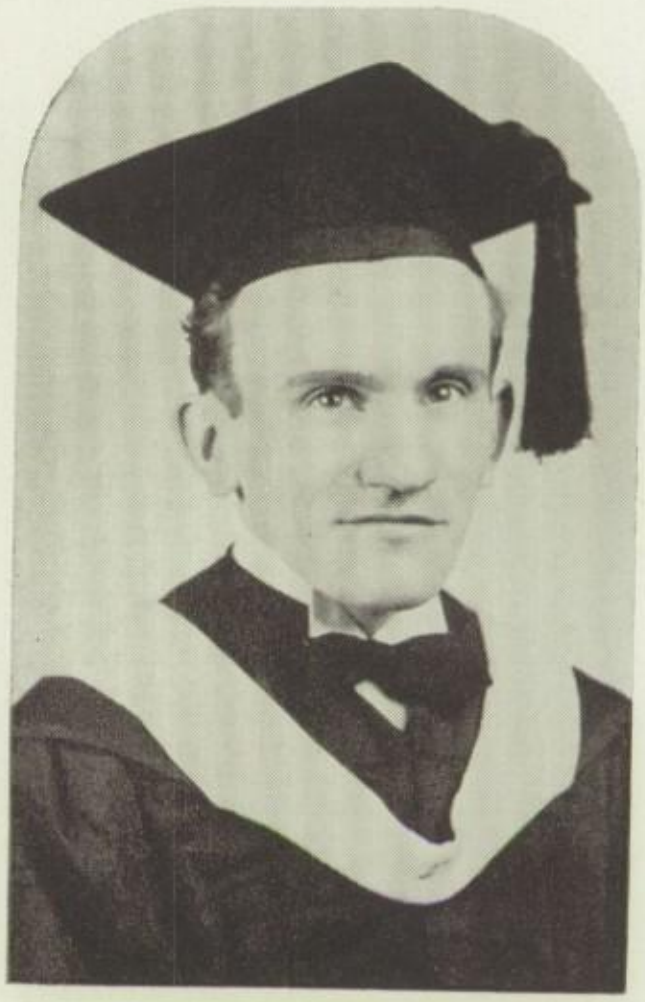
Publilius Syrus, Sent.

JOSEPH ADALBERT WALIJEWSKI

Grand Rapids, Michigan

"Even thorns are endurable when one can see the roses."

Publilius Syrus, Sent.

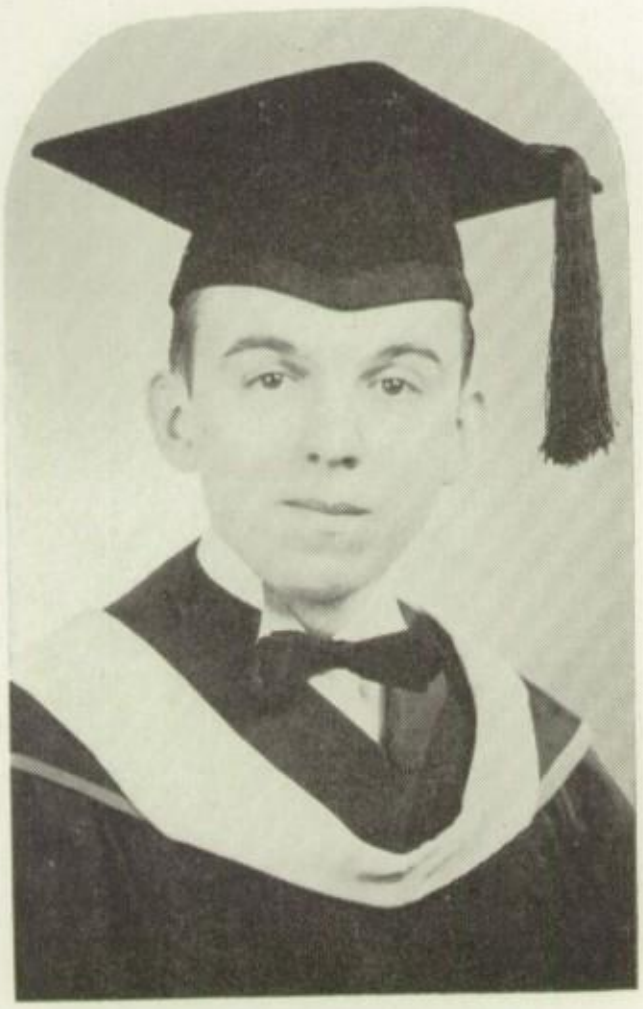


BENJAMIN DOMINIC WYSZOMIERSKI

West Rutland, Vermont

"It is a narrow mind that takes delight in earthly pleasures. Our thoughts should be directed to the things above, which everywhere appear unchanged, everywhere equally bright."

Seneca, ad Helv. Mat. de Consol., IX, 2



ALEXANDER JOSEPH WYTRWAŁ

Detroit, Michigan

"The wise man is filled with joy; he is cheerful, calm, and unshaken, for he lives on equal terms with God."

Seneca, Epist., LIX, 14

STANISLAUS JOSEPH ZUBRICKI

Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

"Success usually follows when real effort paves the way."

Publilius Syrus, Sent.

Ideały

W IMIENIU mych kolegów abiturientów witam was wszystkich z serdeczną przyjemnością. Z powitaniem łączę zarazem słowa gorącego podziękowania za wszelkie wasze trudy i zabiegi, których dzisiejsza uroczystość jest owocem. Dzięki bowiem waszym kilkuletnim skoordynowanym staraniom, jesteśmy dziś abiturientami Kolegium Najświętszej Marii Panny.

Pociągnięci tym przykładem wspólnych dążeń ku wspólnemu celowi, pragniemy poświęcić się dzisiaj temu samemu ideałowi współpracy, który przyświecał wam przez tyle lat naszego wykształcenia. Czynimy to z wdzięczności i poczucia obowiązku. Na każdym bowiem kroku słyszy się dzisiaj naglące nawoływania do współpracy, przede wszystkim międzynarodowej, współpracy narodowej, religijnej, kulturalnej i humanitarnej. Nawoływania te odbijają się coraz silniejszym echem, gdyż — jak nam boleśnie dowiodły bombowce i bomba atomowa — świat stał się za mały, aby jakikolwiek naród mógł sobie pozwolić na luksus izolacjonizmu.

Czujemy się dumni, że wobec takich wymagań chwili bieżącej Kolegium Najświętszej Marii Panny przygotowało nas myśleć i działać w duchu ideału współpracy. To przygotowanie, względnie wykształcenie, umożliwia nam owocną działalność przede wszystkim w trzech dziedzinach, w których współpraca jest nieodzownym warunkiem: w dziedzinie religijnej, narodowej i kulturalnej.

Najsamprzód, jako studenci kolegium katolickiego zaopatrzeni zostaliśmy w doskonalszą wiedzę i głębszą miłość dla Boga i Kościoła. Szczególnie wpojono w nas zrozumienie misji Kościoła w świecie. Misja ta, według słów Ojca Świętego, ma połączyć ludzi razem węzłem miłości — ma urabiać ludzi utwierdzonych w swej nienaruszalnej całości jako wizerunki Boga, ludzi dumnych ze swej godności osobistej i ze zdrowej wolności, ludzi słusznie zazdrosnych o swoją równość względem współbraci we wszystkim, co się tyczy najistotniejszych podstaw ludzkiej godności, ludzi mocno przywiązanych do swej ziemi i tradycji.

Ku tej wzniosłej i pięknej misji skierowało nas Kolegium N. M. P., stawiając ją nam jako cel wspólnych dążeń. Osiągnięcie tego celu wymaga niezbędnej współpracy przede wszystkim z dwoma czynnikami: z papieżem i z hierachią. Toteż przyrzekamy nieustanną i niezłomną wierność Ojcu Św., Piusowi XII, zastępcy Chrystusa Pana na ziemi i nieomylnej głowie Kościoła. A hierarchii amerykańskiej, tej radzie apostolskiej papieża, przyrzekamy jak najserdeczniejszą lojalność i uległość we wszelkich wskazówkach Akcji Katolickiej, zmierzającej ku zwróceniu Bogu Jego prawego miejsca w życiu prywatnym i publicznym, w polityce, dyplomacji, handlu i w przemyśle.

Przez taką celową, jaśnie pojętą, współpracę zamierzamy współdziałać z Kościołem w szerzeniu jego misji nadnarodowej. Tym sposobem urzeczywistnimy prośbę Ojca Świętego, wypowiedzianą podczas ostatniego konsy-

storzy kardynalskiego, aby Kościół żył w sercu człowieka, a człowiek w sercu Kościoła.

Także utwierdzone na ideale współpracy jest wykształcenie, które Kolegium Najświętszej Marii Panny dało nam na szerzenie dobra narodowego. Wykształcenie to polega zasadniczo na zrozumieniu istoty kultury amerykańskiej i demokracji amerykańskiej wraz z głębokim dla nich poszanowaniem.

Nasze studia uwypukliły nam prawdę zwięzłych i treściwych słów Jego Eminencji Edwarda Kardynała Mooney, wyrzeczonych przy okazji sześćdziesięciolecia Seminarium Polskiego: "Kultura nasza amerykańska jest związana z kulturą europejską." Źródła kulturalne Ameryki leżą w Europie. Nasz język, nasza religia, nasz całokształt kulturalny mają swe korzenie w Europie. Nasze ideały wolności i rządu konstytucyjnego są dziedzictwem z Europy. Wogóle, jak powiada Carlton Hayes, jeden z najprzedniejszych katolickich historyków w Ameryce, kulturalnie jesteśmy Europejczykami żyjącymi w Ameryce na kresach Europy.

Te wspólne łączniki kulturalne między Ameryką i Europą wprost domagają się współpracy międzynarodowej. Współpraca ta, to coś więcej niż wysyłanie żywności i odzieży do Europy, coś więcej niż składanie pieniędzy na fundusze ratunkowe. Współpraca ta polega przede wszystkim na przekonaniu, że osiągnięcie międzynarodowego pokoju wymaga wspólnych wysiłków wszystkich członków rodziny zachodnio-europejskiej, którą Walter Lippman nazywa "społeczeństwem atlantyckim", a do którego należą i Stany Zjednoczone.

Wraz z tym pojęciem kulturalnej łączności między Ameryką i Europą, Kolegium Najświętszej Marii Panny wyrobiło w nas głębokie przywiązanie do podstaw i instytucji amerykańskiej demokracji. I tu również nasza Alma Mater utwierdziła naszą wierność w zasadzie współpracy. Z jednej strony studia nasze wykazały, że rząd amerykański jest ze wszystkich najbardziej zbliżony do prawdziwej demokracji, że w Ameryce więcej niż gdziekolwiek na świecie, obywatel może okazać swą godność człowieczą, że w Ameryce więcej niż gdziekolwiek operuje zasada, że podstawą i celem prawdziwej demokracji jest jednostka. Z drugiej strony, poznaliśmy, że w demokratycznym państwie każda jednostka ma ważny obowiązek współpracy ku wspólnym dążeniom. "Człowiek żyje w społeczeństwie", mówi Papież Leon XIII w swej encyklice o Chrześcijańskiej Demokracji, "nie tylko dla swego dobra, ale także dla dobra ogółu."

Właśnie w szerzeniu takiego ideału demokratycznego chcemy współpracować z naszymi ziomkami amerykańskimi, przez to samo budując lepszą, demokratyczniejszą Amerykę.

Wreszcie, po trzecie, ideał współpracy opromienia to wykształcenie, w które Kolegium Najświętszej Marii Panny nas wyposażyło, abyśmy mogli służyć owocnie społeczeństwu polsko-amerykańskiemu — Polonii Amerykańskiej. Tak

jak nauczyliśmy się kochać katolicyzm i natchnioną misję Kościoła w świecie, jego ogólne nadnarodowe dążenia pod nieomylnym dowództwem Papieża i pod dyrektywami hierarchii, tak jak nauczyliśmy się cenić ideały kulturalne i demokrację amerykańską, tak też nauczyliśmy się szanować to, co jest piękne w naszym polskim dziedzictwie.

Nasze studia pokazały nam jak naród polski, według pięknego określenia Ojca Jarzembowskiego, Marianina, szedł wciąż wpatrzony w Niebo — w gwiazdy idei. Pokazały nam jak serce polskie rwało się ku wyżynom i marzyło, by ziemię obsiać gwiazdami. Pokazały nam jak serce polskie było zawsze rozmiłowane w gwiazdach, którym na imię Krzyż Chrystusowy, Boga Rodzica, Jedność Kościelna, Braterstwo Ludów, Prawda, Duch, Wolność i Honor. Widzieliśmy jak tym ideom-gwiazdom służyła polska dusza, polska szabla, polskie pióro, polska sztuka i polska muzyka.

Takie są ideały, które teraz chcemy połączyć z tym, co jest najlepsze w otoczeniu amerykańskim. Chcemy naszą kulturę polską połączyć z kulturą otoczenia amerykańskiego, splatając je potężnym łańcuchem kultury katolickiej. Nie chodzi nam, jak pisze ks. Dr. Walerian Jasiński, o przyjęcie jakichś zewnętrznych tylko form i znaków, lecz chodzi o żywą, organiczną, proporcjonalną, wewnętrzną harmonię trzech kultur w duszy Amerykanina polskiego pochodzenia: chodzi o taką żywą harmonię wewnętrzną, jaka istnieje pomiędzy gruntowną znajomością techniki a głęboką pobożnością w duszy świętego inżyniera.

Powziąwszy taki szlachetny cel polonijny, tym samym wzięliśmy na siebie specjalny obowiązek współpracy polonijnej. Obowiązek ten podkreślił Biskup Stefan Woźnicki podczas sześćdziesięcioletniej uroczystości Seminarium słowami: "Zakład nasz był i jest ośrodkiem polskości w Ameryce." Spodziewanym więc jest, że wychowankowie tej instytucji będą pomagali Polonii w harmonizowaniu trzech kultur. Zapisaliśmy sobie także głęboko w sercu słowa ks. Rektora Prałata Szumala, wyrzeczone do abiturientów rok i pół temu: "Staraliśmy się wyrobić w was głębokie przekonanie, że macie być apostołami, krzewicielami i siewcami pięknych ideałów polskich na ziemi amerykańskiej."

Wobec takich wskazań nie możemy pozwolić i nie pozwolimy Polonii wpaść ani w zabójczy izolacjonizm ani w samobójcze rozpłynięcie się, ale będziemy starali się skierować Polonię na drogę twórczej proporcjonalnej harmonii kultury katolickiej, amerykańskiej i polskiej.

Jesteśmy pewni, że z tym potrójnym ideałem współpracy, który wpoiło w nas Kolegium Najświętszej Marii Panny, będziemy mogli skutecznie działać w przyszłości. Jest to ideał wzniosły i pociągający. Jest to ideał, za który warto życie położyć. Lecz przedewszystkiem jest to ideał, dla którego warto żyć i pracować!

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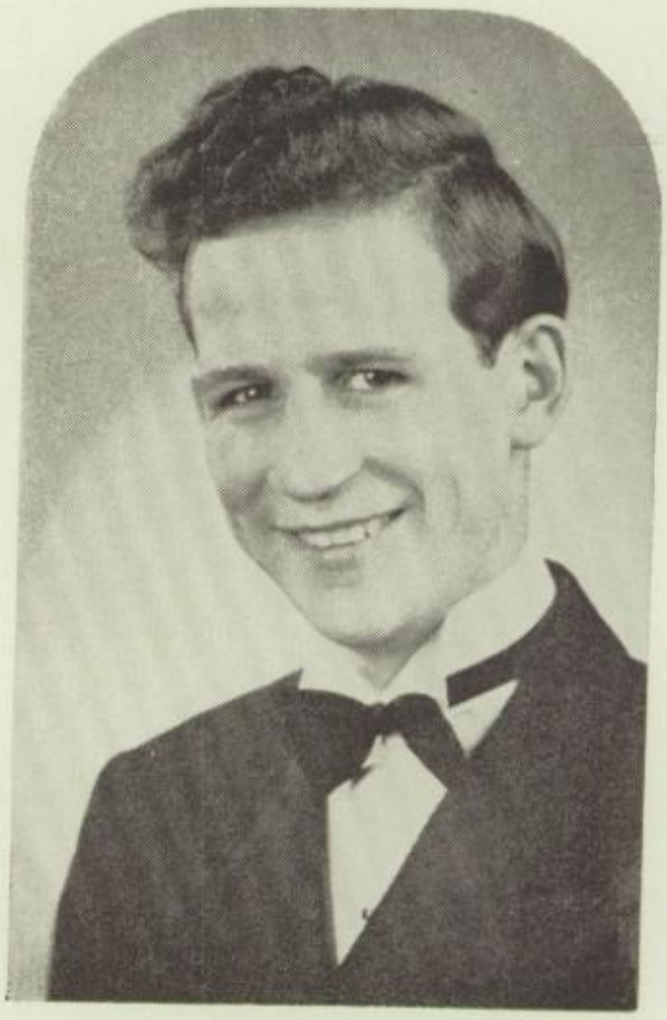
Detroit, Michigan

"Work conquers everything."



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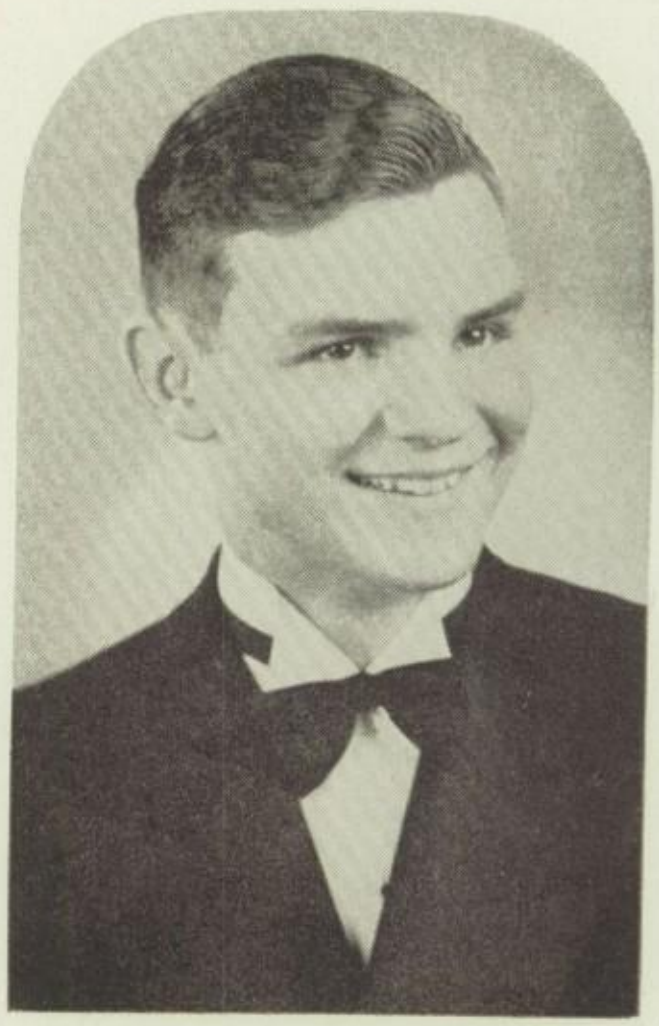
"Press on bravely and don't mind the scratches —even if they do come from human nails."



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"Every charitable act is a stepping stone toward Heaven."

NORBERT F. GADZINSKI

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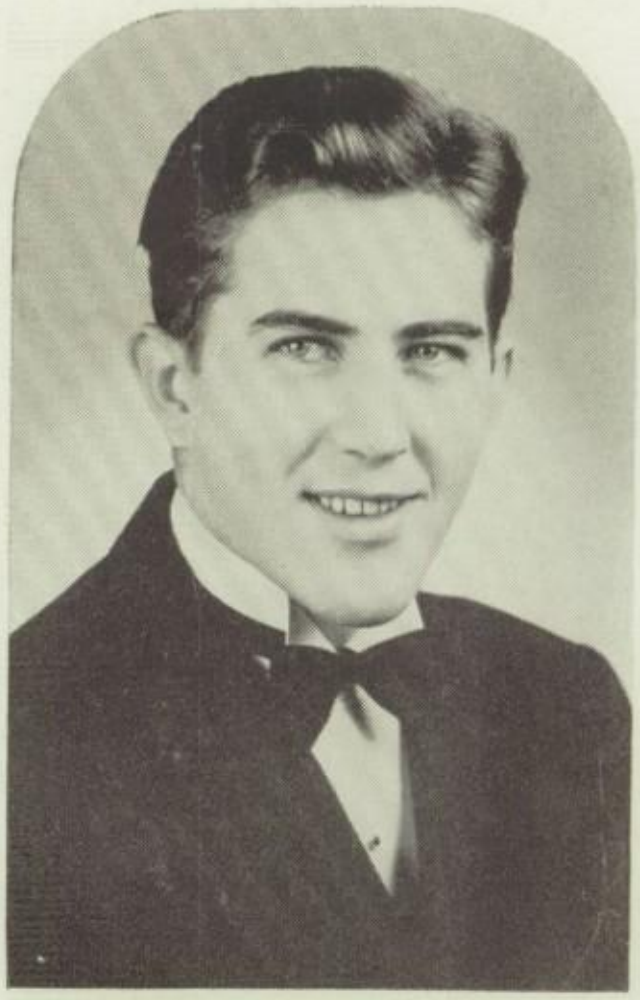
"The great pleasure of life is doing what people say you cannot do."

ARTHUR L. GIZYNSKI

Hamtramck, Michigan

"A winning way—a kindly word for all."



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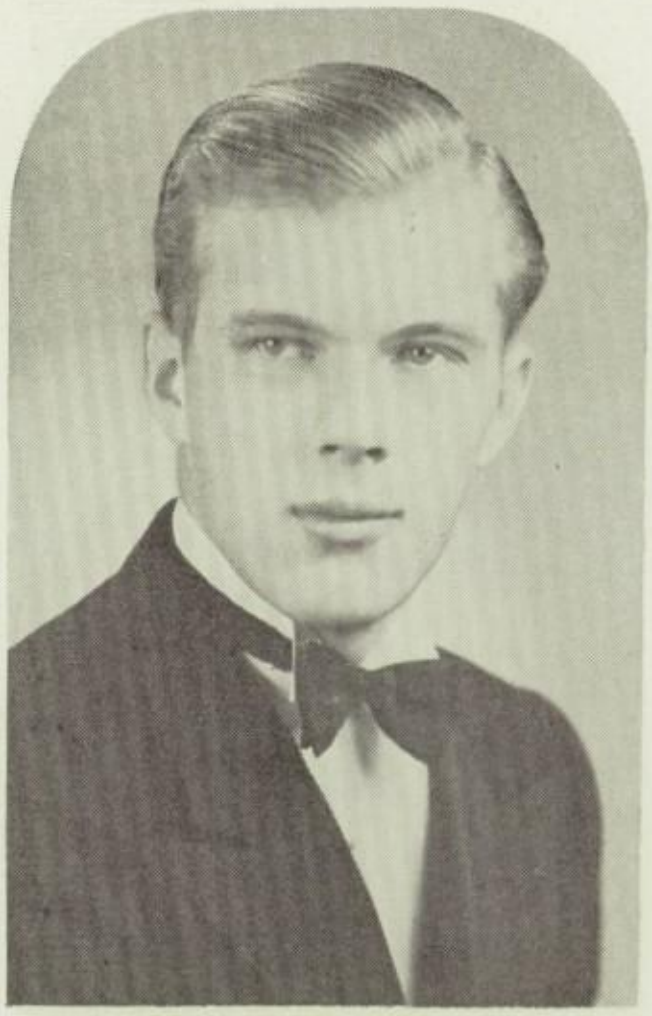

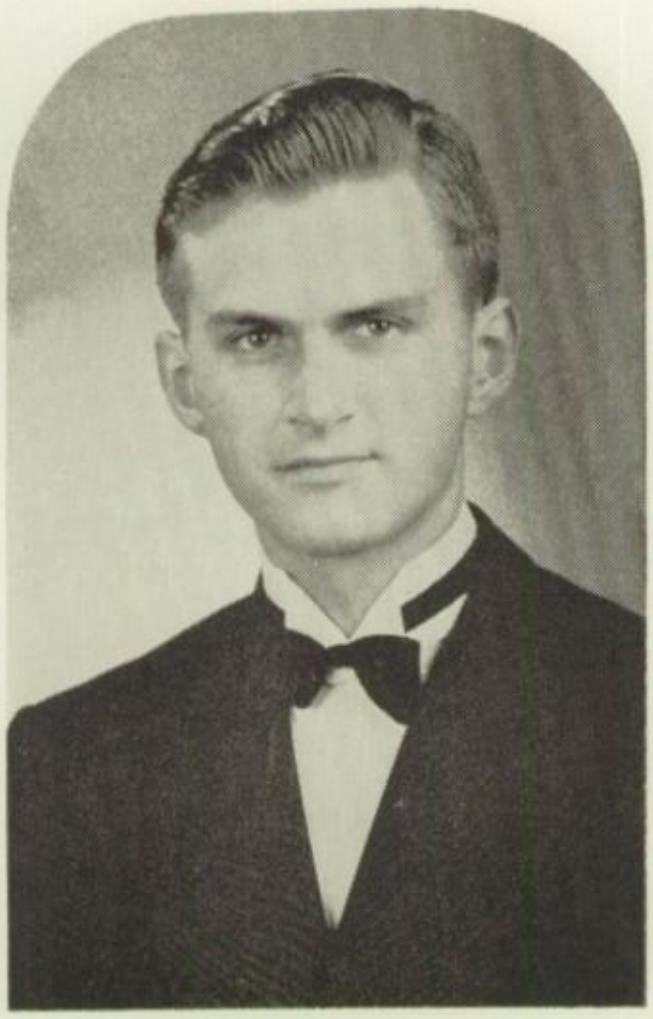

ANTHONY J. HERMAN

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"Fortune gives much to many, enough to no one."

GEORGE L. KOWALEWSKI

Buffalo, New York

"Do your duty and leave the rest to Heaven."

ERWIN L. KURCZEWSKI

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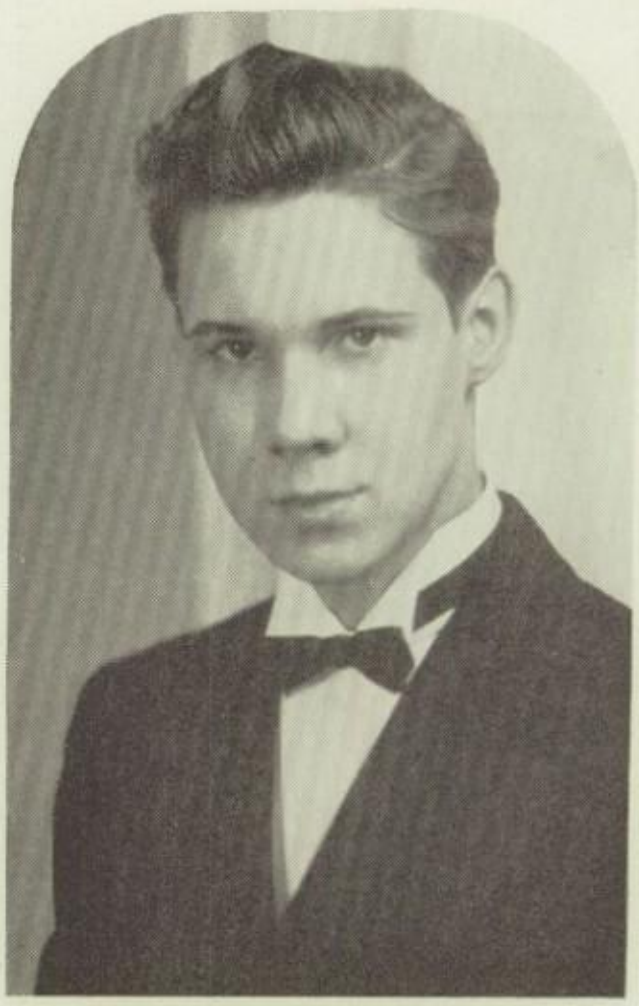
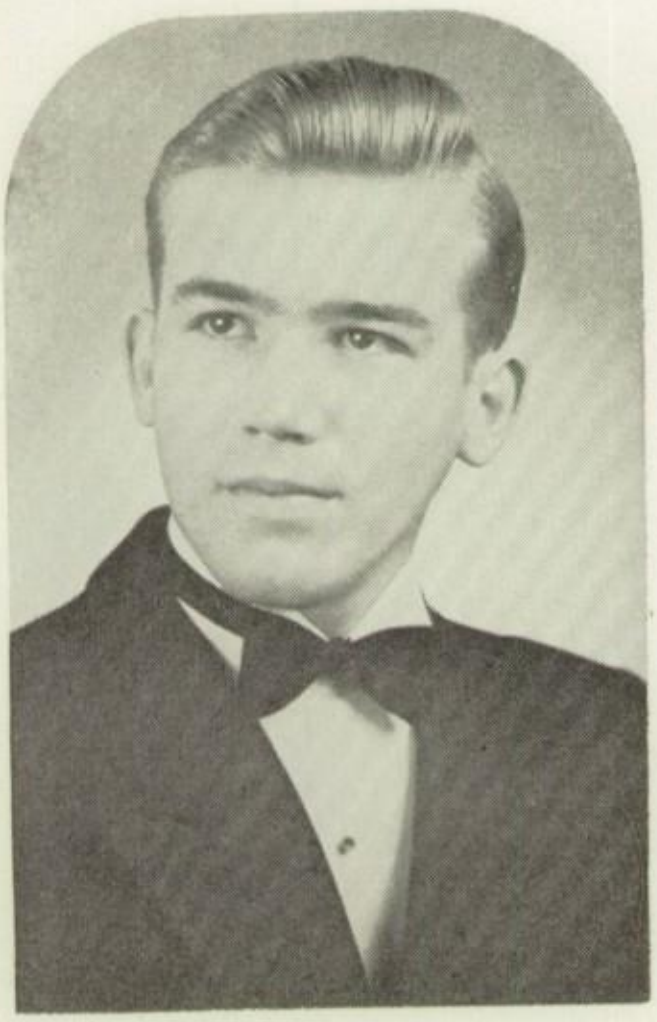
"One who loves much, does much."

NICHOLAS J. LUBINSKI

Detroit, Michigan

"Always be prepared."





ADAM J. MARZEC

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"If you will remember the limits of your knowledge, you will make fewer mistakes."

EDWARD M. OLEKSYSK

Detroit, Michigan

"If you hope to reach the highest, begin at the lowest."

WILLIAM E. PNIEWSKI

Detroit, Michigan

"The joy of life comes with living."

DONALD B. PORZADEK

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"There is no situation in life that is in every respect happy."

NORMAN A. PRZYBYLSKI

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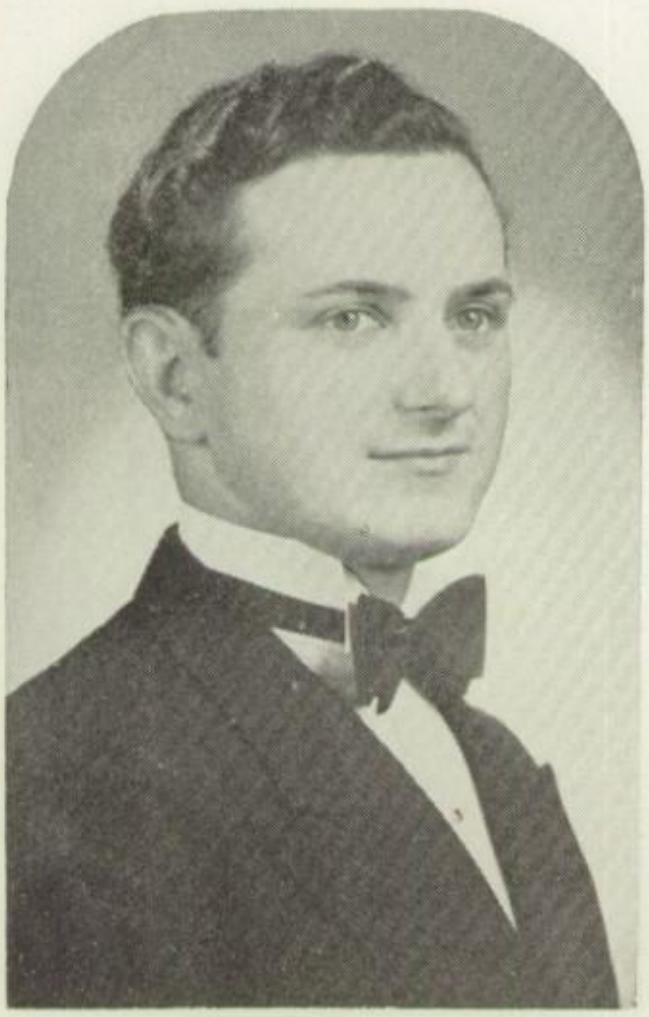
"There is more joy in pursuit, than in attainment."



STANLEY J. PRZYSIEZNIAK

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

"Lord, grant that I may always desire more than I can accomplish."

NORBERT M. SAMULSKI

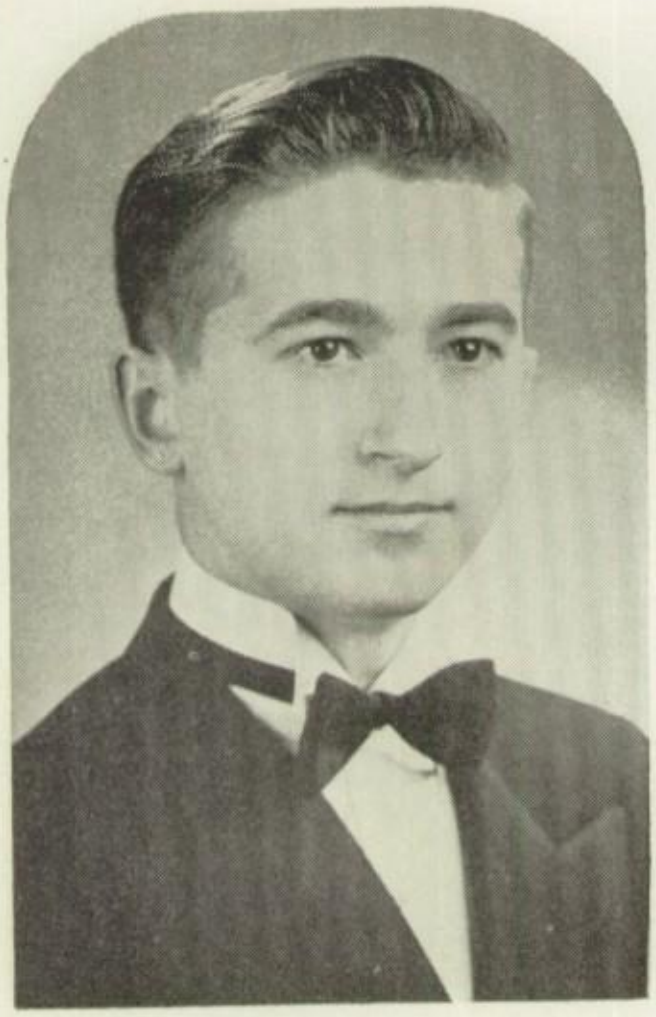
Detroit, Michigan

"They condemn what they do not understand."

EDWARD J. SENDZIK

Chicago, Illinois

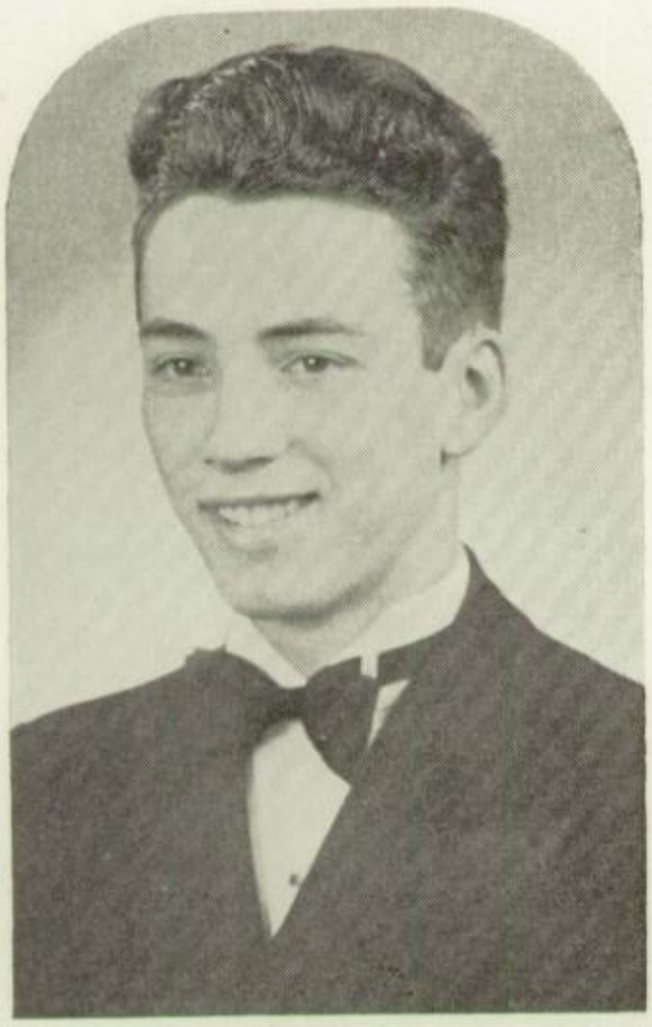
"As long as there is life there is hope."



WALTER J. SIENKIEWICZ

New Britain, Connecticut

"In doing what we ought, we deserve no praise, because it our duty."



EDWARD B. SOLARCZYK

New York, New York

"Too low they build, who build beneath the stars."

ALEXANDER R. UGOLIK

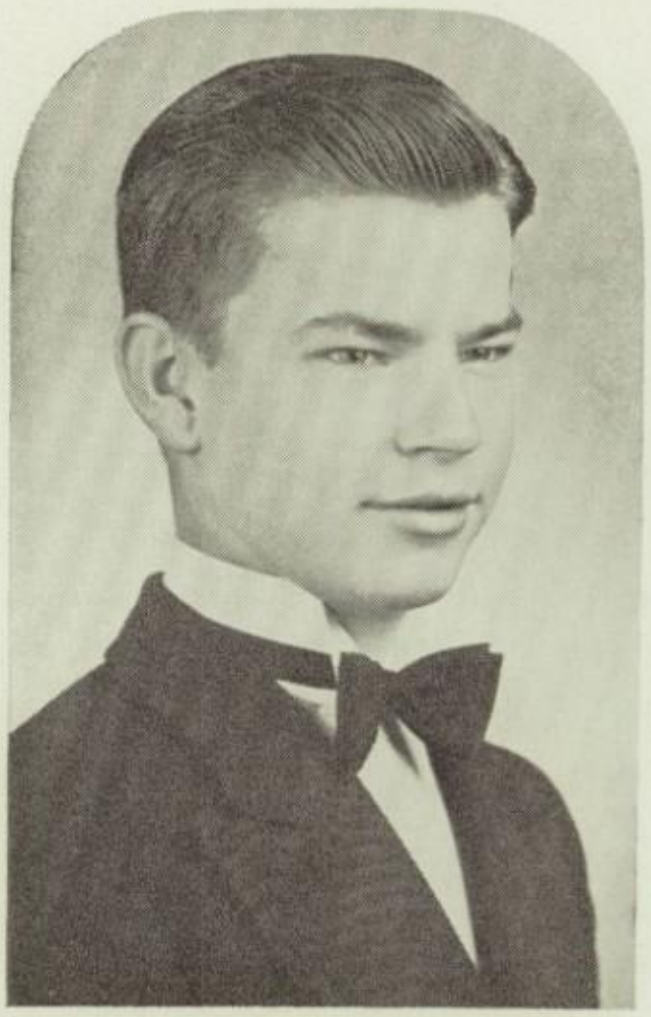
Grand Rapids, Michigan

"A true friend is one soul in two bodies."

CHARLES M. WILK

Avoca, Pennsylvania

"In God's hands I place my future."



FRANCIS J. WINIARZ

Salem, Massachusetts

"To the stars through hardships."

O God of earth and altar,
Bow down and hear our cry,
Our earthly rulers falter,
Our people drift and die;
The walls of gold entomb us,
The swords of scorn divide,
Take not Thy thunder from us,
But take away our pride.

From all that terror teaches,
From lies of tongue and pen,
From all the ease speeches
That comfort cruel men,
From sale and profanation
Of honour and the sword,
From sleep and from damnation,
Deliver us, good Yord!

—Gilbert Keith Chesterton

Last Will and Testament of the Class of "46"

We, the graduating class of 1946, do hereby, in this our Last Will and Testament, leave the fabulous belongings and achievements to the oncoming Senior Class. Cherish and make use of them—Carry on with the "Spirit of St. Mary's."

I, Ralph, leave my many pleasant "Sleeping Hours" to Joe Walczak.

I, Ray, leave my envied position in the refectory to Joe Grzelak.

I, Johnny, leave my collection of "Fan Mail" to "Luke."

I, Gadge, leave the lower berth of my double-decker bed and empty soup cans to Michael Sordyl.

I, Judge, leave my hat of distinction and "knack" for Latin to "Archie."

I, Art, leave my Vitamin Pills to "Brooklyn."

I, Tony, leave the clean scrubbed floor of my room to Placek.

I, George, leave my hours of reading enjoyable literature to Jablonski.

I, Irwin, leave my love of music to Grenzicki.

I, Moco, leave my arguments for the defense of Toledo to Sabiniewicz.

I, Eddie, leave my enthusiasm for reading books to Szafranski.

I, Bill, leave my stinky pipes, inquisitive nature and my room's northern exposure to Puczkowski.

I, Don, leave my green "persuader" paddle to Bednarski.

I, Normie, leave my Virgil book with written in verbatum translations to Welgos.

I, Stas, leave my newspapers and books to Whalen and Poniatowski.

I, Sam, leave my ability of "killing time" in class to Danielak.

I, Ed, leave my rocking chair to Gill.

I, Walter, leave my position as movie executive to Noniewicz.

I, Solar, leave my various tobacco blends to Przezdziecki.

I, Al, leave my trusted position as athletic manager to "Dixie."

I, Charlie, leave my unique way of blushing to Tama.

I, Francis, leave my agile fingers at the typewriter to Milewski.

I, Nick, leave my perserverance and ability to think to Budzinski.

Class Prophecy

DOWN the highway of life, with all its detours and tribulations journeys the class of 1946. Will all of them achieve their individual goal and not turn away or will many follow the hazardous detours?

Let us look down the highway—into the future—to see what awaits us.

The year—1966—the place—the grounds of our Alma Mater, St. Mary's.

The quiet of the afternoon is suddenly interrupted by an explosion caused by Fr. G. Kowalewski, who once again, after 20 years, failed to complete the experiment on "hydrogen." The onlookers, brilliant Drs. Pniewski and Przybylski are admiring Rev. Kowalewski for his perseverance.

A scene of a heated debate between Mr. E. Sendzik, mayor of Chicago, and Mr. Z. Gronkowski, honest mayor of the big little city, Hamtramck, is being presented in the library. They cannot seem to agree as to which of the two is a better mayor. The adjoining reading room of the library is occupied by Admiral E. Solarczyk and Mr. F. Winiarz, accomplished pianist, apparently engrossed in deep reading of their respective vocations.

A gale of laughter is heard amidst the gathering in the Castle, where Msgr. Herman, present rector of St. Mary's, Rev. A. Ugolik, head of the Department of Theology and Mr. R. Borowski, successful automobile manufacturer are reminiscing about the "good old days." Many pleasant and amusing memories are recalled—memories which will never be forgotten.

The recreation room of "Noah's Ark" presents the Rev. W. Sienkiewicz, our class magician, who appears to be stupefying his audience, Mr. Przysiezniak, distinguished Polish interpreter, Mr. J. Bucia, prominant lawyer and Rev. R. Brys, a Cleveland pastor. They still think Rev. Sienkiewicz has an invisible assistant. Also in the recreation room we find Mr. Wilk, singer of cowboy ballads, struming on his guitar while Mr. Porzadek, city emblamer, and the Rev. A. Gizynski, authority on marriage cases, are employing their skill and ability in a game of "ping-pong."

At the entrance of the renovated gymnasium stands Rev. A. Marzec, who appears to be thinking of the hours spent in practice in this gymnasium to bring glory and fame to St. Mary's through sports. He is presently joined by Mr. N. Gadzinski, owner of a chain of restaurant cafes and Rev. Oleksyk, professor of the classics. It does not appear difficult for them to recall the many happy hours they spent here.

Evening is drawing near and the sun is slowly setting over our beautiful Orchard Lake. All of the classmates are gathered in the auditorium together to part once more. A beautiful speech is rendered by Mr. Samulski, civil engineer, who achieved fame after rebuilding the war torn countries. Mr. N. Lubinski, notable lawyer, offers Mr. Samulski his congratulations.

As the gathering is beginning to disperse, the beautiful refrains of the beloved classic "The Bells of St. Mary's" is heard as rendered by Mr. E. Kurczewski and his nationally known orchestra. Tears gather in many of the eyes as they say, "good-bye."

From a distance the class is able to be seen walking down that highway—the highway of life. You, class of "46" continue journeying along the straight road, avoid all the detours, so that we may have another happy reunion once again—for eternity.

For Our Gain and Your Glory

IT is only proper that after four years of study we pause briefly and make an examination of conscience, take stock of what we are today and compare ourselves with what we were four years ago. In other words it is fitting that we ask ourselves the question: What have the four years at St. Mary's given us?

In the first rush of the many things that come to mind we can only say in answer: St. Mary's High School has given us very many things—pride in ourselves and our heritage, a flaming love of democracy and our country, training in character, a solid education, a home, friendships with boys our age from all over the country and warm associations with priests, who have been like real fathers to us. These and other things has St. Mary's High School given us during the four years spent here.

If we were asked which of these things, in our opinion, are the most important either now or in our future lives, I imagine that offhand most of us would hesitate before answering. As we think over the many aspects of our training, of the friendships and associations we have made, and of the solid education we have received, all of them seem important and very dear to us. But after taking deeper thought, I believe that our answer would be something like this.

Four years ago we looked forward to a life of gayety and merrymaking after graduation. To us, like to many others imbued with the modern philosophy of "pleasure-seeking", success in life was synonymous with a lot of money, a big automobile, and what the world calls a "good-time." These to us seemed the things worthy of effort; while the greatest evil that could befall us was the ridicule and laughter of the world should we fail to fall in line with wordly standards.

Thanks to the untiring efforts of our educators, these ideas of success have changed. Today, we understand that success is measured not by the size of the pay-checks, nor by the size of the automobile, nor the applause of the world, but by hardships, sacrifice of self, by the problems that are squarely met and successfully solved. We have learned that our most important—our only business is to serve God and save our souls; all else is secondary and must be made to serve this most important end. In short, we have learned that the Catechism must not only be memorized, but—and what is most important—lived. Today we understand that the success of every decent man depends on sacrifice, hard work, and persevering purpose. In a word it means the cross—and no cross no crown. Only hard, faithful and sinless labor brings the happiness and peace which the world seeks in its "good-times." This truth seems so unreasonable that the world will not accept it. It is the truth expressed divinely in the startling words that tell us that he who seeks his life, i. e. his good times, shall not find it, but he that shall lose his life, i. e. make sacrifices for a decent observance of the Ten Commandments, shall find happiness.

Yet it is one thing to know the principles of decent living and quite another to live according to them. This we know from personal experience. How often have we not made resolutions to observe the rules of St. Mary's only to fail in a moment of weakness. These failures have taught us not to be over-

confident, to place our trust in God As we look forward to the crosses that will be placed on our shoulders whether we want them or not, we tremble. What if we weaken and cast the cross down? Human nature is weak and abhors suffering—yet that is no reason to fail Christ. We, therefore, have a request to make of our friends whom we are leaving to continue their studies in these hallowed walls. Remember us in your prayers—please.

But that is not all. Our superiors know that a Catholic view of life is of little value to him who does not form habits of living daily according to it. Care was taken that these too were formed.

Habits are defined, by the philosopher, as constant dispositions that tend to influence one repeatedly to perform similar actions. Such dispositions were formed in our minds and wills during our four-years stay at St. Mary's.

When, four years ago we came to St. Mary's, we were strongheaded, and even stubborn. We felt important. But these illusions were soon dispelled. We soon learned that there are such things as discipline, order and subordination. The program of our daily activities was mapped out for us according to which we were expected to live. Oh! we didn't like it a bit—too many rules, too many bells, not enough freedom, too much like slavery—we called it facism. Our superiors we dubbed "joy killers"—old foggies, who forgot that they were once young. Yes, we resented this tedious routine.

All our complaints, however, were futile—we just could not have things our way. Now, we must admit that our superiors were wiser than we. They knew that one day we must deal with people who will show us but slight consideration and who will not be servile to our commands. They knew that it is much easier to fall into strongheadedness and selfishness, than to break these habits later on or to be in constant war with others. In other words, all these rules were calculated to help us to become the men we wish to be. We've learned Christian standards and values in the classroom. Their application was a matter of discipline and effort in the concrete circumstances in which we found ourselves.

The high school age is the time for concentrating on the formation of mental habits; such as those of industry, attention, and self-control. If good mental habits are not laid down during these formative years they will be learned less perfectly and with great difficulty later. In many instances they will not be learned at all.

We had the good fortune to study at St. Mary's, where the circumstances for the formation of such habits are more favorable than in the city. The daily program is a great help in the matter of habit formation. The time for study is a sacred thing. There are no outside distractions; it was useless to think of the good shows in the nearby theaters—we just could not attend, so why worry about it? And when in the midst of the solution of mathematics there was no call from sis to help wash the dishes. No Quizz Kids on the radio to distract us—no meeting the gang in the corner drug store. We could therefore concentrate all our attention on our studies. This sounds unattractive—yet we lived through it, and we are glad to have had the opportunity to attend St. Mary's. We feel better prepared to face life.

Life at St. Mary's has furnished us with an invaluable experience. We are not paragons of students' virtues; nor are we Aristotles and Virgils. We did not learn as much as could be expected, much of what we have heard in the classroom we have already forgotten, and much that we have learned will be of little use to us later in life. How many of us will remember and make use of the rules of Latin grammar, or the theorems of geometry? But the time in the classroom was not lost. Our English, Polish, and Latin classes have aroused in our minds an interest in literature and thus furnished us with a key by which we can unlock the great minds of all ages. The same is true of history. Who of us will remember the dates of historical events? We did not get as much information as we could have, had we been more attentive in the classroom. We did, however, acquire an inquisitiveness, and an interest in history, which will prod us onward to further study. Yes, St. Mary's has trained us to train ourselves.

The result of this careful training of will and mind are the strong loyalties, which we have in our hearts. St. Mary's has taught us to be loyal to the Church, who is Christ; she has taught us to do everything for Him through the Blessed Virgin, to whom this school is dedicated. She has developed in us a strong loyalty to SS. Cyril and Methodius, who were the Apostles of the Slavs, they who made it possible for you and me to have our Christian heritage, who brought the first word of God to our Slavic forefathers. She has taught us to be loyal to the Pope, to the bishop of our diocese, and to our pastors. She has taught us to work for our country and for its great traditions of democracy; one of the few countries that still respects the dignity of man. She made it very clear to us that we should be loyal to our Polish heritage, to the institutions that Americans of Polish descent have built in this country. And lastly, but of utmost importance, to our parents who have brought us into this world, they who planted the seeds of christianity in our hearts and which St. Mary's has developed; to them who have suffered all hardships to make us rigid Catholics. It was to them that we went crying when we were young, in them we always found consolations.

Such, I think would be the answer that the graduates of St. Mary's High School would give upon reflection if asked the question: "What has St. Mary's given you during the four years you have spent here?" Some of us, I'm sure, would add other things, personal ones, but all, I think, would agree that what St. Mary's has given us boils down essentially to training in proper habits, development of the proper outlook on life and the building of strong loyalties. On one other thing all my classmates would agree, namely, that St. Mary's has developed within our hearts a burning love of these hallowed walls, which have housed us for four years, and an enthusiastic loyalty to the ideals for which the school stands. It is hard to put this love and loyalty into words--I shall not even try to do it; but I am sure that I speak for every member of the class of 1946, when I say that we shall put the gratitude which we feel in our hearts towards St. Mary's into actions, actions which will promote and spread the ideals of St. Mary's. May God Bless and guide St. Mary's and help us to work for her glory all our lives.

Jubilee Verse

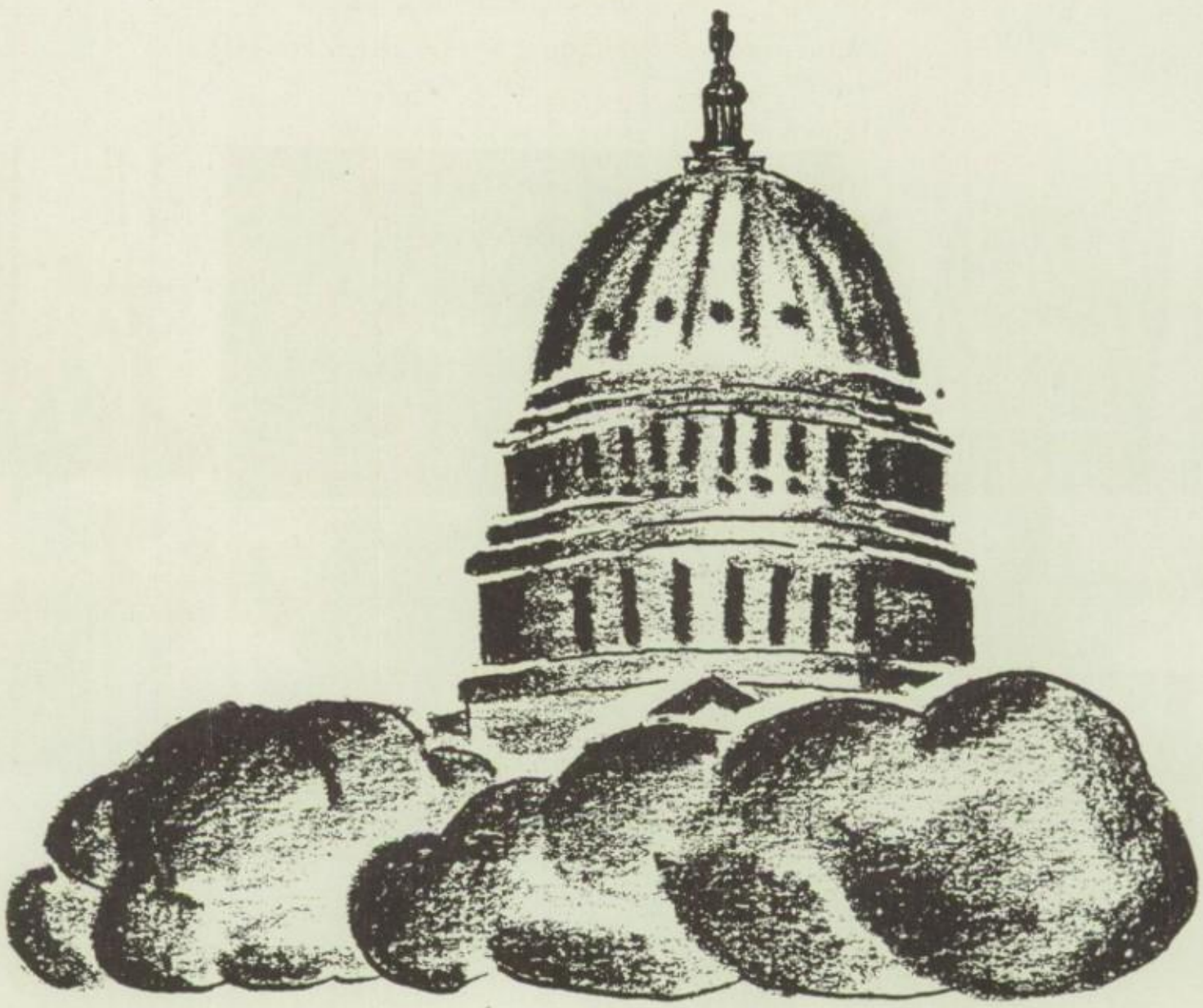
Under Columbia's glorious flag
We need no swords nor bloody fights,
For we enjoy like all free men
The blessed Protection of Human Rights!

The equal Rights! whose noble turn
Was sanctified by sword and blood,
By this land's father, Washington,
Who like an Archangel — by them stood!

O! ye great shadows! of LaFayette,
Kosciuszko's and Pulaski's Fame
Your greatness will for ages yet
Shine — for it lives in deeds not name!

Hail also to ye! Heroes of old
Who leaves native home and land
On this strange shore and strange soil
To Freedom lent your helping hand.

Teofila Samolinska



For Lasting Memories

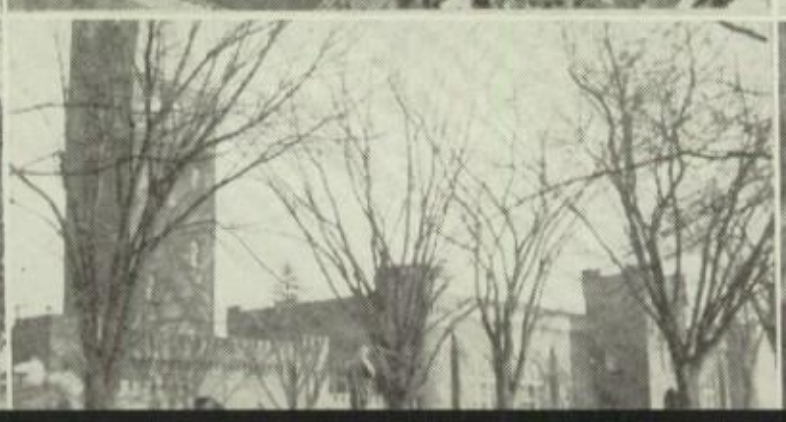
The Day is Done

The day is done, and the darkness
  Falls from the wings of Night,
As a feather is wafted downward
  From an eagle in his flight.

I see the lights of the College
  Gleam through the rain and the mist,
And a feeling of sadness comes o'er me
  That my soul cannot resist.

A feeling of sadness and longing,
  That is not akin to pain,
And resembles sorrow only
  As the mist resembles rain.

Come, read to me some poem,
  Some simple and heartfelt lay,
That shall soothe this restless feeling,
  And banish the thoughts of day.



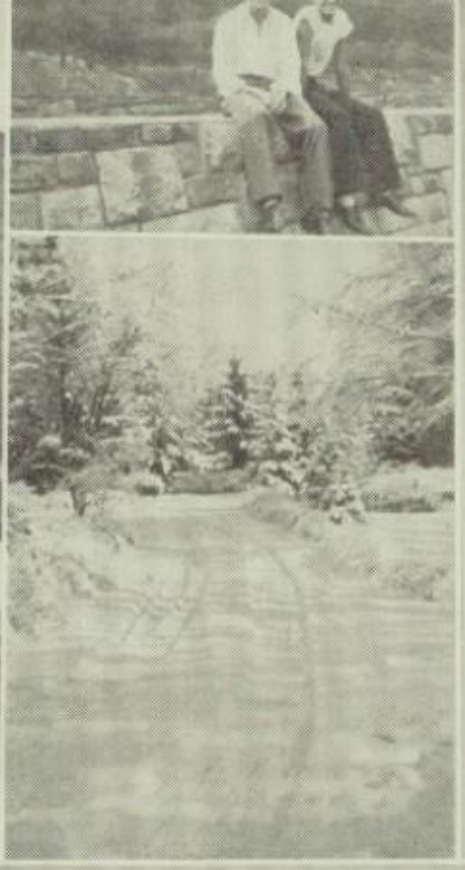
Read from some humbler poet,
Whose songs gushed from his heart,
As showers from the clouds of summer,
Or tears from the eyelids start;

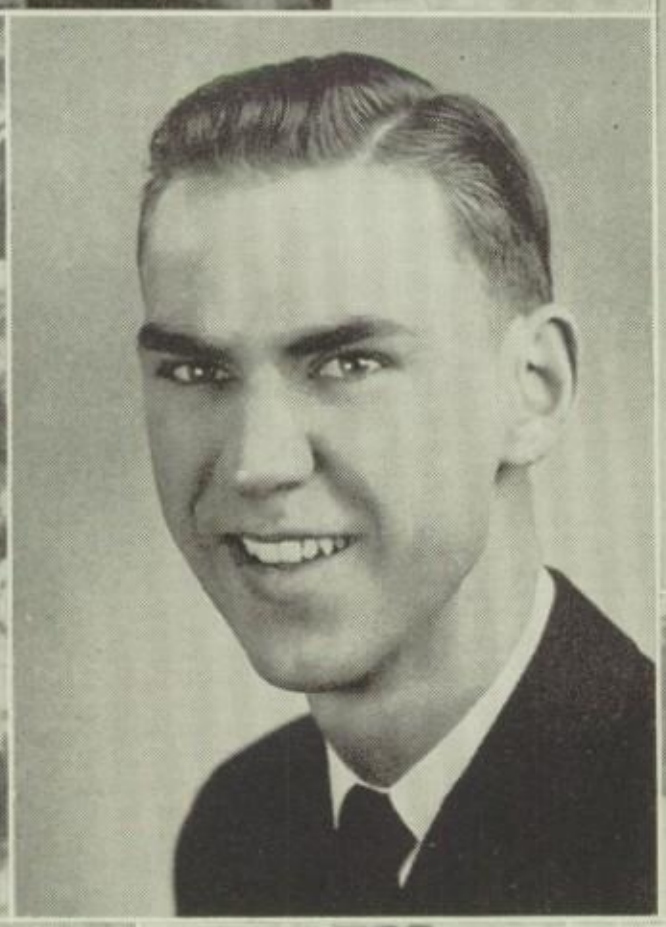
Who, through long days of labor,
And nights devoid of ease,
Still heard in his soul the music
Of wonderful melodies.

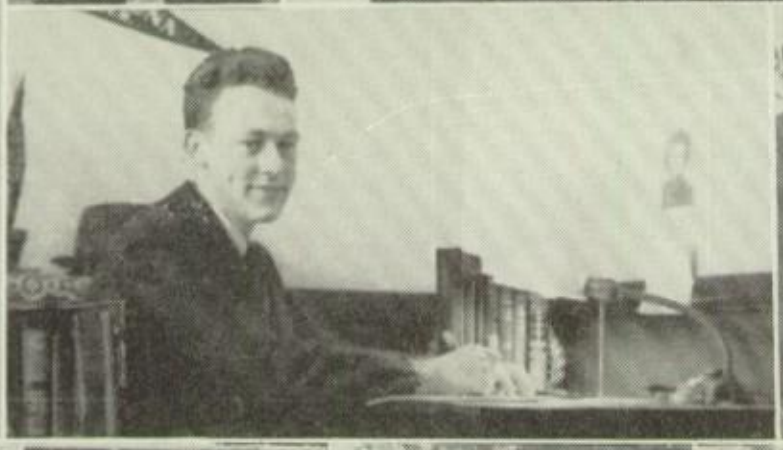
Such songs have power to quiet
The restless pulse of care,
And come like the benediction
That follows after prayer.

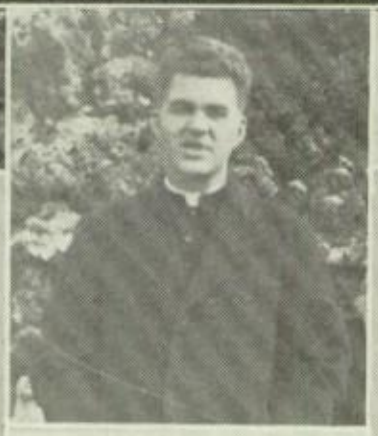
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

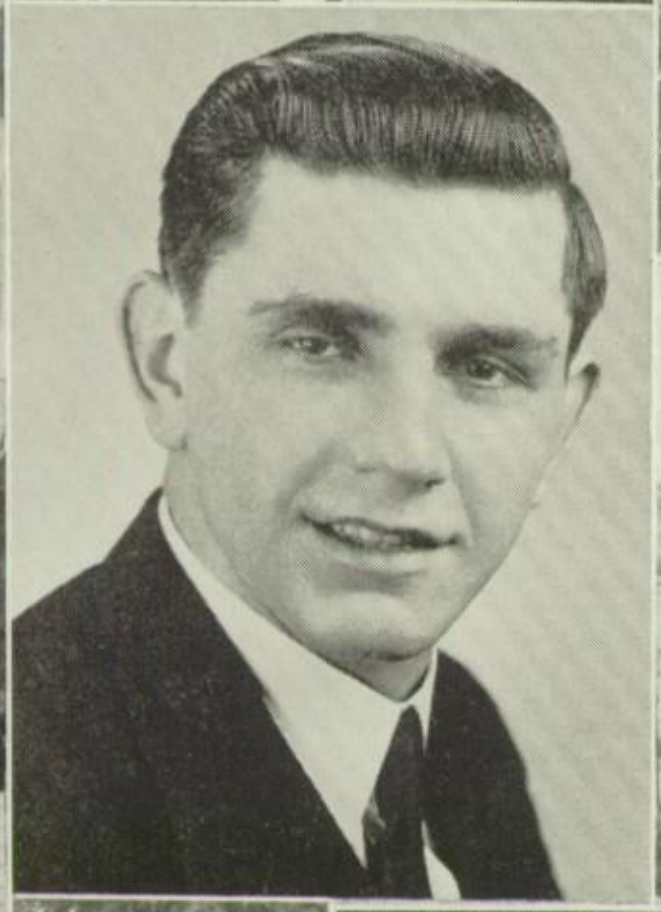
FOR SALE
BARGAIN
PRICE

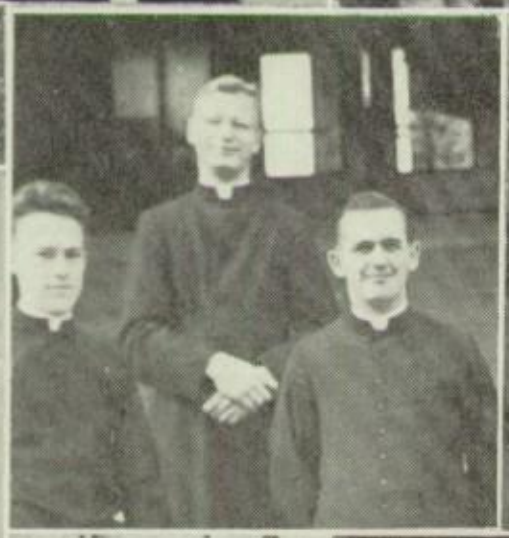












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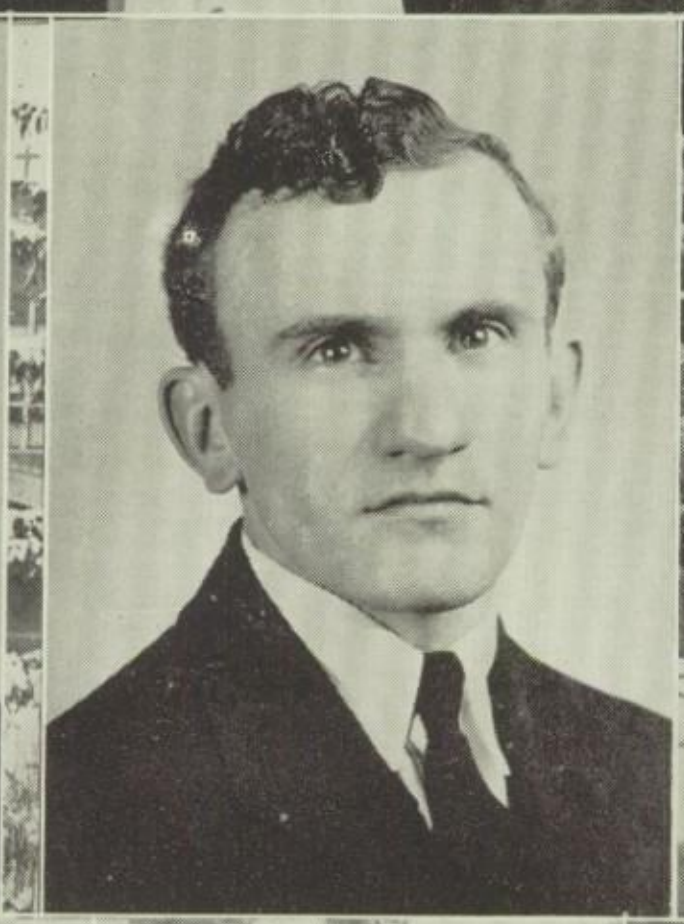
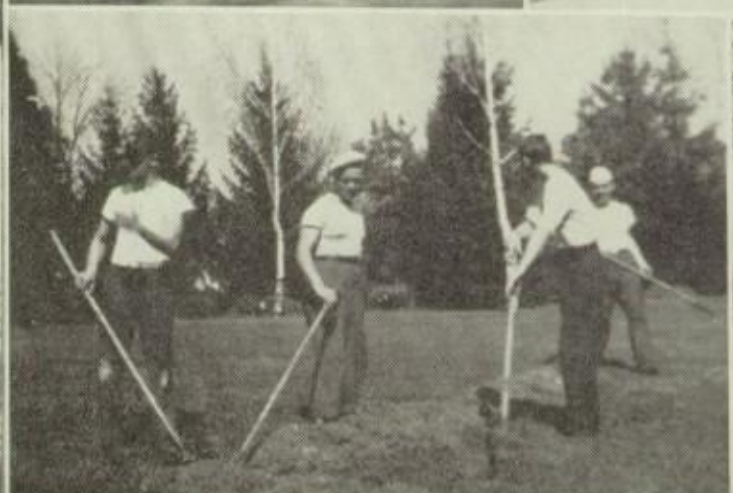


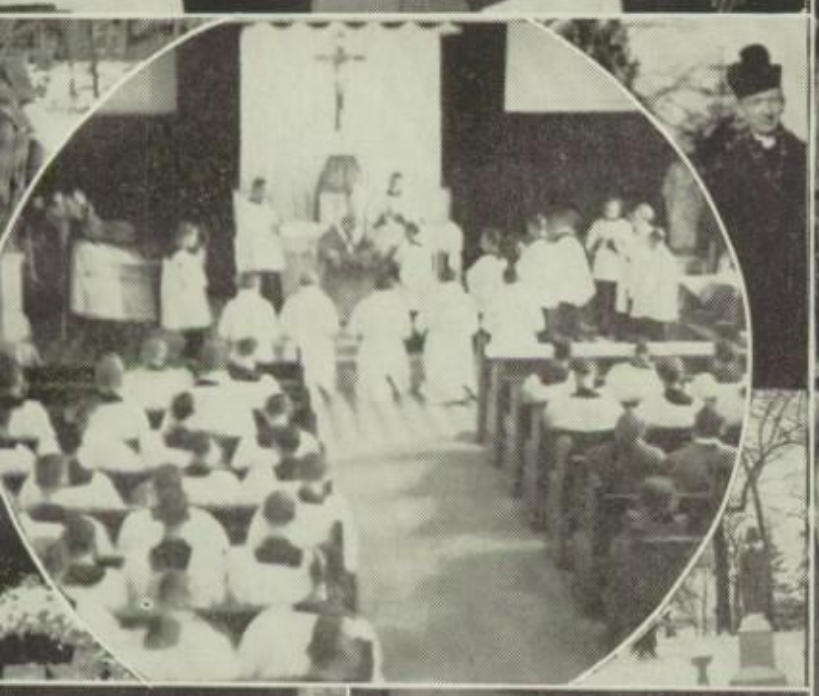
THIRD THEOLOGY

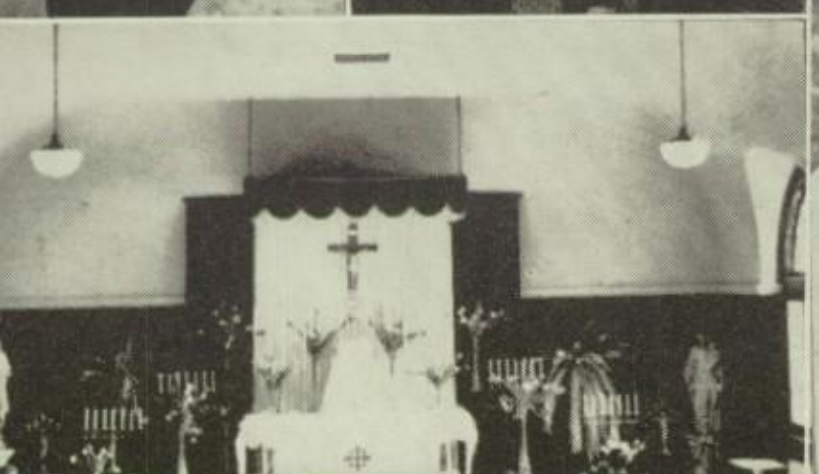
A. Augustyn
A. Garstka
L. Kulinski
T. Narewski
E. Zawodniak
E. Szczygieł
E. Wilk

SECOND THEOLOGY

H. Bogdan
J. Gabalski
P. Macknitz
E. Nowakowski
A. Pazik
L. Resmer
A. Siedlecki
F. Słomiński
B. Wyżykowski
M. Strumski
E. Szczech
W. Tomecki
M. Wodziak







FIRST THEOLOGY

W. Bazela
E. Hussak
E. Kordasiewicz
J. Kozłowski
E. Lechowski
J. Masakowski
L. Woźniak
T. Samson
J. Wenda
V. Witko

FIRST PHILOSOPHY

E. Bakun
M. Danko
F. Hunger
E. Kaźmierczak
E. Kaźmierczak
M. Komosiński
E. Koralewski
N. Kowalewski
L. Kotowski
D. Kozłowski
S. Krzysiak
J. Kwak
H. Lex
J. Michalak
V. Nebus
P. Pindel
S. Piorkowski
J. Rakoczy
S. Schinski
E. Stanek
E. Synowiak
J. Szamocki
J. Szymanowski
A. Zalewski
A. Zalewski
W. Ziemba
H. Zoromski

COLLEGIATES

L. Fijał
L. Kotowski
S. Kozłowski
J. Hallas
R. Kennedy
C. Bator
E. Blair
J. Boruszewski
M. Czarniecki
J. David
A. Demski
F. Filmański
P. Gleba
W. Górski
J. Halka
P. Holewiński
J. Hrydziuszko
T. Hujar
E. Kaczmarek
J. Łuaksik
A. Maksym
C. Markowski
J. Mirek
P. Namys
E. Okuniewski
S. Orlikiewicz
W. Pierzchała
H. Podborny
E. Rudcki
J. Sadowski
F. Śliwiński
F. Słota
C. Smoliński
J. Stewartz
T. Sylwestrzak
R. Turszczynski
J. Wójcik
J. Zrada
F. Żywicki

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

R. Bednarski
R. Biegas
E. Budziński
W. Chrzanowski
S. Danielak
F. Dziurak
E. Galaszewski
R. Gill
J. Grenzicki
J. Grzelak
V. Hryniewicz
J. Jabłoński
A. Kościński
A. Kośnik
R. Knybel
R. Kraszewski
S. Kukulski
R. Lesiński
J. Lewko
S. Milewski
S. Noniewicz
J. Placek
B. Poniatowski
N. Przeździecki
B. Puczkowski
E. Rogowski
J. Łukaszewski
N. Romej
J. Sabiniewicz
H. Sobociński
M. Sordyl
R. Szafrański
R. Szczodrowski
J. Tama
R. Velgos
J. Walczak
D. Whalen

HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES

G. Agdanowski
J. Beyer
J. Bobrowski
R. Borowski
R. Brancheau
M. Ciemniak
E. Cisło
S. Cydzik
T. Czerwiński
H. Franczak
J. Gazdecki
E. Głowacki
E. Grzeszkowiak
F. Jagodziński
A. Jankowski
S. Jóźwiak
T. Jóźwiak
F. Kruszka
G. Kulczycki
A. Lawicki
F. Macielak
B. Maśluk
J. Mirecki
J. Molenda
P. Nowosielski
P. Paciorek
R. Pańczak
M. Piwowar
C. Polański
E. Polański
R. Sadowski
E. Sikorski
F. Skalski
R. Stosio
E. Szatkowski
R. Szczepaniak
D. Szleszyński
J. Szuba
R. Stefańczyk
E. Tomaszkiewicz
E. Wasławski
D. Wegienek
F. Woźniak
J. Żądała
R. Zając
C. Zalewski,
F. Zaborowski

HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN

R. Andrews	G. Kucharczyk	E. Mroziński	J. Skowroński
R. Beyer	F. Kulesa	J. Nowakowski	J. Staszel
P. Bienek	S. Kaczmarek	G. Okonowski	A. Stawowy
C. Boehnen	J. Leszczewicz	S. Okula	J. Szymański
R. Dąbrowski	C. Łyczkowski	W. Olszewski	N. Szczodrowski
S. Dominik	S. Luptak	S. Osiński	W. Turton
F. Gabryel	R. Maliszewski	L. Ośmiałowski	A. Tytulski
L. Gajewski	R. Malkowski	F. Paczkowski	J. Winiarz
E. Gratkowski	G. Marcinkowski	F. Paciorek	T. Wytrykus
R. Gregovich	T. Michalik	W. Pawlos	J. Wojciechowski
B. Janowicz	L. Mistor	D. Skorupski	H. Zaleski

The Heritage

No man may love the beauty of his race
Unless he knows the path by which he came
Unless he knows that blood--soaked hallowed place,
Where histories of the ages call his name —
Where footsteps of his fathers traced the soil,
From sun's arising to the last moon's wane,
With hieroglyphics attesting the toil
Of harvesting and sowing of the grain.

O knowledge born of beauty, bearing love,
O threefold priceless heritage of man,
Man fit to arm and wear the bright shield of
Wisdom — and walk among her royal clan!
Unless he touch his fingers to the pain,
Can man have knowledge — nor be born again.

Victoria Janda

(Courtesy Polanie — Publishers of Walls of Space)

Our Extra-curriculum

Campus Clubs

The Eucharistic League

Founded 1922

The association consists chiefly of members who bind themselves freely to adore the Blessed Sacrament at least fifteen minutes every Thursday of the week. On the last Thursday of each month all the members adore in gremio for one hour. In this way the members become both the benefactors and the beneficiaries, viz., by making up for the short comings of others, they are storing up for themselves innumerable treasures in heaven. The moderator of this association is Father Rybinski, Rev. Mr. F. Krul is the president, Rev. Mr. J. Kernosek is the vice-president, P. Narewski is the secretary and B. Wyzykowski is the treasurer.

Sacred Heart Society

Founded 1919

The league of the Sacred Heart is officially known as the Apostleship of Prayer. It is an association of Catholics all over the world who daily offer their prayers, works, and suffering for the intention of the Sacred Heart, in reparation for sins, and particularly for the intention of the Holy Father and their fellow associates.

The local unit at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary consists exclusively of students who besides their spiritual aim furnish the school chapels with various necessary articles. The members of the Society are at present under direction of their moderator, Father Ropella and their staff officers, who zealously carry on the noble purpose of the Society. Positions of office held this term were as follows: Rev. Mr. J. Kernosek, president; P. Narewski, vice-president; P. Maknits, treasurer; W. Tomecki, secretary; Rev. Mr. J. Czaja, sergeant-at-arms.

Seminary Sodality

Founded 1917

The Sodality is a religious society whose purpose is to use the devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary as a means of fostering and instilling into its members a fervor for Catholic life and for all that it stands. During the months of May and October the touching Litany and Rosary devotions are conducted. New members are received on December 8 during a reception ceremony held in the classic Chapel. On the last Saturday of every month the Sodalists gather to sing the beautiful and inspiring "Godzinki" to Blessed Virgin Mary. The moderator of the society is Father Maksimik. Rev. Mr. B. Worsa is presently the president, while Rev. M. J. Kernosek holds the office of treasurer and A. Siedlecki the office of secretary.

Polish Literary Society

Founded 1895

The purpose of this organization is to develop an interest in things Polish, to strengthen the spirit of attachment to the land of our forefathers, to obtain a keener appreciation of Polish literary masterpieces and to support the foremost Polish publications.

For fifty one years the Polish Literary Society has endeavored to fulfill its purpose by producing programs and theatrical presentations during the scholastic year. The frequent informal meeting, speeches, debates, do much in helping to keep the campus lively.

Father L. Janiga, moderator, is aided in the furthering of the society's aims by the following officers: C. Wilk, president; Rev. Mr. F. Krul, vice-president; R. Ruminski, secretary; J. Gabalski, treasurer.

Polish Student's Mission

Founded 1919

The members of this society pledge to pray for the missions, study the missions, and make sacrifices for the missions. To strengthen the student's zeal a mission magazine rack is maintained and an annual mission rally is presented. Regularly the members of this society visit the sick at St. Joseph's Hospital where Catholic papers, magazines, and pamphlets are distributed to the sick. Weekly the seminarians offer prayers for the intentions of the missions. Rev. F. X. Orlik is the modeartor, while L. Kulinski serves as president, A. Augustyn as vice-president, C. Wojcik as treasurer, Rev. Mr. F. Krul as secretary, and C. Malich as sergeant-at-arms.

College Sodality

Founded 1917

The main purpose of the college Sodality is to prepare constituent leaders of the American Polonia by increasing personal holiness and by studying contemporary social and economical problems together with effective ways and means to remedy the same. On the last Saturday of each month, "Sodality Day", the members receive Holy Communion and attend devotions in honor of the Blessed Mother. Regular business meetings, quiz programs, lectures, stimulate a spirit of active Catholicity. The culminating project of the Sodality was the "Sodalis" subscription drive. The Reverend Moderator, Father M. Koltuniak, along with P. Holewinski, president, J. Lukasik, vice-president, P. Gleba, treasurer, W. Gorski, secretary, and T. Sylwestrzak, sergeant-at-arms, saw the Classic Sodality through another successful year.

Prep Mission Unit

Founded 1940

The High School mission zeal is manifested in the many projects they undertake. They collaborated with the Seminary Mission Unit in staging the annual Mission rally. Cancelled postage stamps are also collected by the High School students. The group subscribes to the leading Mission magazines and maintains a well supplied rack open to all students in the Clubroom.

The main purpose of the High School unit is to acquaint the High School student with the mission field, to instill a valiant missionary spirit, and to awaken missionary vocations. And at no time has this especially been neglected by Moderator Reverend F. X. Orlik. The officers are: G. Kowalewski, president; J. Walczak, vice-president; D. Wegienek, secretary-treasurer; L. Osmialowski, sergeant-at-arms.

Phi Gamma Chi

Founded 1930

The Fraternity, organized in 1930 by Father Cendrowski, has for its primary aim the promoting of good cheer and college spirit on the campus. Beginning with its public initiations the Frat successfully carries out its planned program of parties, discussions and other timely affairs. Each Saturday night is known as the Frat Night and it is especially then that many of its members enjoy music, ping-pong, and refreshments in the College Canteen.

Father Koltuniak, the present moderator, has the able assistance of the following officers: S. Orlikiewicz, president; P. Holewinski, vice-president; T. Hujar, secretary; J. Lukasik, treasurer and T. Sylvestrzak, sergeant-at-arms.

The Lake Oracle

Founded 1939

This campus publication aims to afford for the students an opportunity to realize and develop their literary talents, to acquaint campus residents, alumni and friends with news, to foster a spirit of better understanding and cooperation. The students' publication, The Lake Oracle, devotes its efforts to the correlation of the interests of the Institution and the students themselves. Events of spiritual, intellectual, and social interest are given proper space in its columns. The editorials touch on subjects of campus and student interest. Frequently students contribute essays, book reviews and poems. Reverend Edward Skrocki, faculty mentor, supplies the guiding hand, while M. Czarnecki serves as editor, W. Ziemba and L. Kotowski as Associate editors.

Detroit Students' Club

Founded 1919

The Detroit Students' Club, which organizes the boys from Detroit and vicinity into a closely co-operating group, enjoys the largest membership on the Campus. It was founded in 1919 by three students and who now hold the responsible positions as Pastors in Detroit. Their names are Fathers: A. Wilczewski, P. Walkowiak and L. Krych.

The primary purpose in organizing the Detroit Club was the engendering of the knowledge and love of the American, Polish and Catholic traditions in its members. Many benefits have accrued both for the students in the Club and the institution itself. The fostering of good will and friendship among its members, plus intensive exercise in the use of the Polish language, outlines its activities accordingly.

The Moderators, Reverends J. Swastek and H. Waraksa guide the work of the Club in co-operation with an administrative body consisting of: J. Perkowski, president; L. Kulinski, vice-president; B. Dominick, treasurer; W. Ziemba, secretary; S. Samulski, sergeant-at-arms.

The Buffalo Students Club

Founded 1919

This club, founded in 1919, has attempted in the past three years to equal and perhaps surpass the activities of its predecessors. With only a handful of members it has produced a profitable and entertaining Musicale, brought the old Polish custom of Christmas Carols to the Polish family—an indispensable element of the spirit of a Polish Christmas, and has initiated the liturgical chanting of Gregorian Music in many churches of the Polonia. Thus it has contributed to spread the Polish culture, so aptly infused by the professors of our institution, to the descendants of the Mother Country in the neighborly city of Buffalo. The officers for the current year are: Domestic Moderator—Rev. James Wroblewski; School Moderator—Rev. Doctor Constantine Cyran; President—Edward Kazmierczak; Vice-President—John Gabalski; Secretary—Raymond Ruminski; Treasurer—Richard Urban.

Philadelphia and Vicinity Students' Club

Founded 1927

One of the largest and most active clubs on the campus grounds, reorganized in 1943, it has for its primary purpose the maintaining and strengthening of a permanent friendship among its nembers. Secondly, it aims to bring material and formal aid to the individuals of the club, as well as to the Institution. To bring these aims to reality the club holds various athletic activities and dramatic performances during the winter and summer in Philadelphia and vicinity. Under the able advice of the moderator, Rev. John Buszek, together with the cooperation of the members, the club is achieving great success. Officers are: Aloysius Siedlecki, President; Henry Bogdan, Vice-President; Anthony Zaleski, Secretary; Martin Komosinski, Sgt.-at-arms.

Scranton Students' Club

Founded in 1925

The initial aim in organizing the Scranton Club some twenty years ago was to deepen in the young hearts of its members the love and knowledge of all that, which was Catholic, American and Polish. Up to the present day this one aim has been the outstanding purpose for the club's existence and never could it be said that the Club has failed to do the same. The promoting of the Institution is by no means a cause unworthy of furthering; the members, having realized this, have in various ways and means attempted to do just that. Their able moderator, Reverend Joseph Kula, along with A. Augustyn, president, E. Zawodniak, vice-president, S. Piorkowski, secretary, J. Masakowski, treasurer, and J. Tama, sergeant-at-arms, are now assuring the Club of successful future.

Chicago and Vicinity Students' Club

Founded 1924

Organized with the aim of spreading the good name of St. Mary's, the Chicago Club, affording its members opportunities of leadership and dramatic experience, offers membership to not only students from Illinois but other neighboring states. Maintaining its aim, the members presented "Idziemy z Kolędą"—a stage production featuring the Polish kolędy and also including army songs, a folk dance and a comedy. With a favorable reputation already established, the Chicagonian Polonia is ready to welcome our reappearance in the coming years. Aiding other student activities on the Campus, either materially or otherwise, is just another of the ways that the Club makes student life here at St. Mary's more full. Reverend Edward Skrocki, Club moderator, together with the officers—E. Nowakowski, president, A. Balczun, vice-president, E. Stanek, treasurer, and S. Orlikiewicz, secretary—are assuring the club of success.

Campus Music

MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRA

(Seated) Rev. Waraksa, director; Mierzwiak; Stanek; Garstka; Gabalski; Placek.

(1st Row) Grenzicki; Skowronski; Kwak; Sobocinski; Dominick; Dombrowski; Szamocki; Stefanczyk; Pazik; Jercha.

(2nd Row) Agdanowski; Kozlowski; Macknitz; Wyszomierski; Osinkowski; Velgos; Koscinski; Lukaszewski; Lesinski.

(3rd Row) Wozniak; Slominski; Panczak; Klopocinski; Whalen; Resmer.

Symphony Orchestra

Founded 1890

Music has always been an asset at St. Mary's College. To this extent the college campus orchestra provides all the music for the institutional social events. It develops the musical talents of students, and acquaints the entire student body with the masterpieces of music. The orchestra is under the talented and abled direction of Father Waraksa. One of the chief highlights of the orchestra during each year is their annual spring concert. It is then that we note their zeal manifested completely.

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOLA CANTORUM

(1st Row) Stewartz; Stanek; Garstka; Pazik; Placek; Perkowski; Nebus; Dominick; Wyszomierski.

(2nd Row) Kordaszewicz; Piorkowski; Gabalski; Malich; Kozlowski; Welna; Kowalewski.

(3rd Row) Cieslawski; Wyzykowski; Wilk; Siedlecki; Dzingle; Mierzwiak; Slominski.

(4th Row) Zrada; Szczech; Jercha; Resmer.

Schola Cantorum

Founded 1938

The Schola Cantorum, consisting of 30 members, has a reputation for its beautiful renditions of harmonic and polyphonic melodies and also for their liturgical interpretations of Gregorian Chant at Holy Mass. The group is especially known for its annual rendition of Polish Christmas Carols over the Columbia Network. Eight such annual nation-wide appearances have been made. As a group it takes part in practically all the programs sponsored by the Music Department. At the annual spring concert the members further manifest their choral abilities.

MEMBERS OF THE GLEE CLUB

(1st Row) Sobocinski; Winiarz; Przysiezniak; Placek; J. Gabalski, director; Lewko; Chrzanowski; Sadowski; Wegienek.

(2nd Row) Bednarski; Milewski; Hryniewicz; Lukaszewski; Galaszewski; Rogowski; Biegas; Oleksyk; Jagodzinski.

(3rd Row) Ugolik; Sienkiewicz; Sendzik; Herman; Porzadek; Gizynski; Borowski; Pniewski.

High School Glee Club

Founded 1943

The Prep Glee Club meets weekly to realize its educational and recreational objectives. The worthy efforts of this group were in evidence at the many major academic programs. The Glee Club is continually striving to raise the standard of vocal music among the students in the High School Department. Its purpose is to awaken and sustain an enthusiasm for group singing, and to acquaint the entire student body with the finest folk and student songs of both America and Poland.

Campus Sports

KNEELING: R. Knybel; D. Danielak; E. Solarczyk; E. Wasławski.

1st ROW: W. Sienkiewicz; E. Kurczewski; D. Porządek; N. Samulski; T. Jozwiak; Coach Neumann; Z. Gronkowski; R. Borowski; W. Pniewski; J. Walczak; A. Ugolik.

2nd ROW: S. Milewski; A. Tylutki; N. Przybylski; E. Budzinski; E. Szczygiel; F. Zawodniak; R. Lesinski; R. Szczodrowski; J. Lewko; F. Skalski; R. Szafranski.

BACK ROW: F. Macielak; E. Glowacki; P. Paciorek; M. Piwowar; A. Stawowy; E. Grzeszkowiak; P. Kruszka; R. Stasio.

Football

Last season saw St. Mary's Eaglets in actual football competition. After a lull of 13 years, football was revived by Coach Neumann for the first time since 1932. Because of this, the games had a greater significance and so much more eagerly did the St. Mary's rooters turn out to see their team march on to victory.

Coach Bruno Neumann, an all-Michigan-Ontario Collegiate Conference star left half-back in 1932, knew that the eleven fellows he chose could be

taught to launch steam-roller attacks, similar to those of his day. Immediately, with the assistance of Reverend Joseph Kubik, who helped in developing the line, an intensified training program was undertaken.

Throughout the season we were proud to see the flashy uniforms of our squad, as the team marched on to conquer. The line was impregnable, the back-field alert; crowned by the zealous efforts of the Athletic Staff, they completed the season with one defeat and six victories.

In addition to this accomplishment, the Eaglets humbled every other Polish High School in the Metropolitan area to annex the Polish Catholic High School Football Championship of 1945.

The results of the season's play are as follows:

St. Mary	0	St Francis Xavier	26
" "	25	Mount Carmel	0
" "	9	St. Ladislaus	6
" "	25	Big Beaver	6
" "	12	St. Stanislaus	7
" "	27	Sacred Heart	7
" "	26	Auburn Heights	0
	124		52

St. Mary suffered her only defeat at the hands of St. Francis Xavier of Ecorse, who invaded the gridiron of St. Mary's High School as champions of their own division.

Mention must be made to the man who spark-plugged the squad with his penetrative playing. He is Zenon Gronkowski, a six-foot, 198 pound Hamtramck lad. His passing and plunging accounted for some 75% of his team's tallying. Other notable figures were Teddy Jozwiak, and Ralph Borowski halfbacks, Ed Solarczyk, quarterback, Frank Skalski, guard, and Joseph Walczak, end.

St. Mary's High School has been entered in the Parochial League's First Division East Side section and with a nucleus of 20 lettermen returning should prove a very noteworthy opponent.

The 1946 season reads as follows:

September	29	St. Mary	vs. St. Catherine
October	6	St. Mary	vs. St. Benedict
October	13	St. Mary	vs. St. Anthony
October	20	St. Mary	vs. De La Salle
October	27	St. Mary	vs. St. Stanislaus
November	3	St. Mary	vs. St. Ladislaus
November	10	St. Mary	vs. St. Joseph

College Basketball

BACK ROW: J. Hallas; S. Orlikiewicz; J. Kotowski; J. Hrydziuszko; J. Boruszewski; M. Danko.

SEATED: J. Halka; W. Ziemba; J. Rakoczy; S. Krzysiak; P. Holewinski.

College Basketball

This year's College schedule was shortened considerably, due to the difficulty caused by placing a new heating system in the gymnasium. No practice was held before the Christmas Holidays and so the schedule was dwindled to 12 games, of which the Eagles won 6 and lost 6.

St. Mary encountered some of the leading state quintets, among which were Alma and Michigan State Normal College, yet they gave them a good game never giving up hope as they bowed 66-57 and 62-55 respectively.

The prowess of the Eagles was shown against Lawrence Tech., Detroit Tech and Highland Park Junior College. The boys played smooth games and the result of which can be well noted in the scores.

St. Mary's College as in the past, has been confronted with shortage of height on their quintets. Yet, the forward combination of Johnny Rakoczy and Stanley Krzysiak overcame this defect. Johnny "Rocky" Rakoczy accounted for 182 points, while Stan "Sacks" Krzysiak scored 157 as the Eagles outscored their opponents 542-491.

Coach Neumann will have his entire squad returning, and this group will consist of: Johnny Rakoczy, Stanley Krzysiak, Peter Holewinski, Walter Ziemba, Frank Hunger, Michael Danko, Joseph Hallas, Stanley Orlikiewicz, Joseph Boruszewski, John Halka, Leonard Kotowski and John Hrydziuszko.

With these to choose from, we can be certain, therefore, that Coach Neumann shall be able to produce a team that will be able to hold the escutcheon of St. Mary's against any opponent.

To Coach Neumann, a deep appreciation from the collegiates for his untiring efforts in producing a winning team.

Season's scores:

St. Mary's College	57	Michigan State Normal	66
" " "	37	Port Huron Junior College	38
" " "	50	Lawrence Tech	25
" " "	55	Alma	62
" " "	52	Highland Park Junior College	26
" " "	27	Assumption College	44
" " "	45	Port Huron Junior College	42
" " "	57	Detroit Tech	35
" " "	26	Michigan State Normal	41
" " "	43	Detroit Tech	24
" " "	40	Lawrence Tech	42
" " "	53	Highland Park Junior College	46

High School Basketball

The Varsity

HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY

BACK ROW: R. Szafrański; T. Jozwiak; R. Szczepaniak; R. Borowski; R. Biegas.
SEATED: J. Jablonski; J. Walczak; A. Marzec; F. Zaborowski; E. Glowacki.

Prep Quintet

Graduation struck a major blow to the future of St. Mary's High School's basketball quintet. The 1946 season saw the return of only one experienced man, Adam Marzec. What was worse, however, is that the installation of a new boiler prevented all practice before the Christmas holidays. But the knack which Coach Neumann possesses in moulding winning combinations played a major factor in what proved to be a very successful season.

St. Mary was again placed in the First Division—North Side and had to put up with Class "A" and "B" teams. She herself was a class "C" quintet. Therefore, in league's play she did not have an opportunity to display her prowess, but the tournament came up, and then the lads started their steam-roller attacks.

In league competition, however, they managed to win 6 and lose 4. They handed Visitation, the only team in the league to beat Catholic Central, a double defeat by an identical score of 21-16. They scored 24 points in the

second half of a game against St. Benedict to overcome a 21-10 halftime deficit, to go on and win 34-30. They just missed handing St. Gregory, runner up in the division a defeat, when they lost 22-20.

They ended their season in third place.

Captain Adam Marzec scored 128 points during the Catholic League season to gain recognition of being chosen forward on the Detroit News' All-City First Division quintet and gaining second laurels on Detroit's Sports Final team.

A non league contest with our annual rival, Roosevelt High School of Keego Harbor, proved to be a real thriller. This game was against the first Class "C" opponent. This classic proved to be an exciting 21-19 overtime victory for St. Mary.

District Tournament

With Captain Adam "Moco" Marzec and "Sparky" Zaborowski gathering 11 and 8 points respectively, St. Mary added salt to the yet fresh wounds of the Keego Harbor Quintet as she eliminated the Presidents from a crack at the State Championship by the tune of 21-20, at Farmington High School's gym. on March 7.

Big Beaver then received a 37-13 drubbing in the semi-final of the District Tournament on March 8.

The boys received their first trophy of the year and the fifth District Championship in six years as they downed Clarenceville in the District final 44-24.

Regional Tournament

Friday, March 15, saw the St. Mary's Eaglets disposing of St. James, the Catholic school favorite in the regionals. The Ferndale quintet was held scoreless for the first 14 minutes of the game, and thus St. Mary scored this masterpiece while defeating St. James 37-18.

Busch High School of Centerline, the total favorite to take the regional title, felt another bruising defeat as they received a 27-20 spanking from our lads. The people were really surprised, for the performance of Centerline in the previous evenings, established them as the team to beat. Our rejuvinated lads were then rewarded with their second basketball championship.

Quarterfinal

History repeated herself! Back in 1941, St. Mary's High School went as far as the Quarterfinal in the State Tournament only to be eliminated by the Flint School for the Deaf 32-31, and now the rangy Saginaw quintet, St. Peter and Paul, administered another heartbreaking 37-35 quartefinal defeat. The game was a basket for basket struggle, but the "Saginaw" lads got the best of the Eaglets and went on to win the game.

It was one of those nights where foul shots would have clinched the game. St. Mary scored 15 long shots in comparison to St. Pete's 14, but missed 9 of those indispensable free throws.

Thus, those unpredictable Eaglets of 1946 hung up their uniforms bearing in mind a season of 12 victories and 5 defeats; a season that produced 2 championships, District and Regional.

Against Class "C" competition, they won 6 and lost only one, the most important of all.

Graduation will take away from us Captain Adam "Moco" Marzec who scored 224 points. His calmness and leadership were the major factors in the successful season.

Another Eaglet to leave the team will be Ralph Borowski.

A nucleus of 4 First-Team Lettermen along with a promising group of reserves will return to administer their respective and respected foes the best of their experienced abilities.

To Coach Neumann, our heartiest appreciation for his guidance of this year's unexperienced, cooperative and unpredictable quintet.

The season's scores:

St. Mary	21	St. Gregory	30
" "	28	St. Ladislaus	13
" "	25	Catholic Central	43
" "	21	Visitation	16
" "	34	St. Benedict	30
" "	20	St. Gregory	22
" "	44	St. Ladislaus	23
" "	19	Catholic Central	33
" "	21	Visitation	16
" "	35	St. Benedict	22
" "	21	Roosevelt	19 (overtime)

DISTRICT

" "	21	Roosevelt	20
" "	37	Big Beaver	13
" "	44	Clarenceville	24

REGIONALS

" "	37	St. James	18
" "	27	Center Line	20

QUARTERFINAL

" "	35	St. Peter and Paul of Saginaw	37

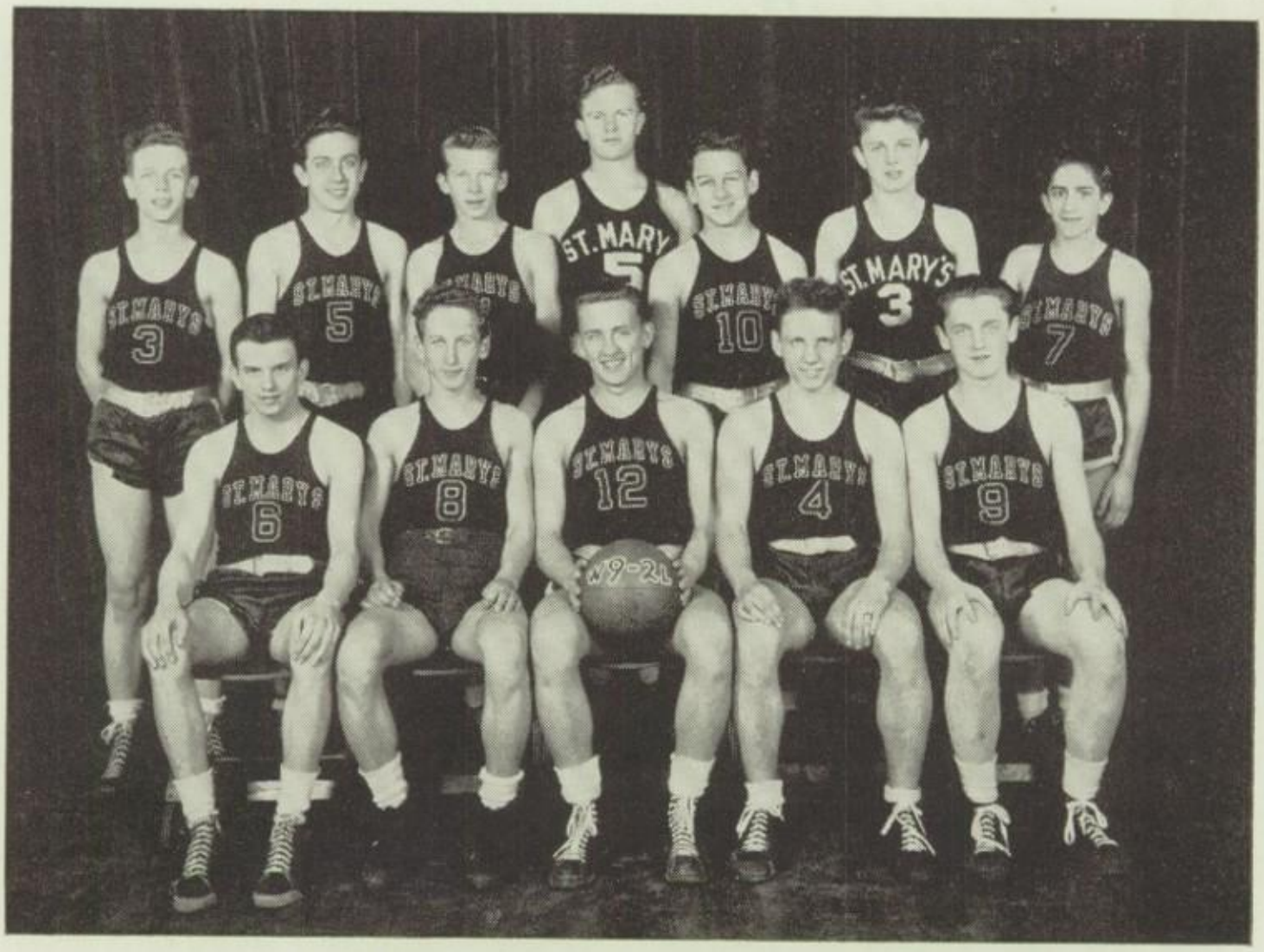
Reserves

St. Mary's Reserves ended a successful season in second place, behind the Catholic League Reserve Title winner, Catholic Central. With these boys, prospects for a winning team in the future are shaping. To "Duke" Wenda, Coach Neumann and the student body express their thanks for his helping hand with the Reserves.

The season's scores:

St. Mary	26	St. Gregory	8
" "	20	St. Ladislaus	8
" "	7	Catholic Central	18
" "	30	Visitation	16
" "	29	St. Benedict	12
" "	40	St. Gregory	6
" "	20	St. Ladislaus	13
" "	24	Catholic Central	25
" "	33	Visitation	12
" "	21	St. Benedict	10
" "	29	Roosevelt	20
	279		147

High School Reserves



BACK ROW: A. Koscinski; J. Gazdecki; E. Kulczycki; A. Stawowy; F. Wozniak; R. Gill; J. Bobroski.

SEATED: E. Polanski; E. Galaszewski; R. Szczodrowski; N. Romej; J. Molenda.

Student Athletic Staff

(Left to Right)
W. Sienkiewicz, S. Milewski, J. Wenda, E. Kordasiewicz, A. Ugolik (absent for picture)

Baseball

FRONT ROW: Szczodrowski; Koscinski; Skowronski; Hryniewicz; Zajac; Polanski.

MIDDLE ROW: Przybylski; Romej; Biegas; Marzec; Walczak; Piwowar; Sabiniewicz; Gazdecki.

BACK ROW: Zaborowski; Szafranski; Mrozinski; Kurczewski; Glowacki; Macielak; Wilk.

The 1946 season of baseball saw St. Mary's field a team of 19 athletes, four of them veterans. The prospects didn't look too well and the value of the team was to be determined only then when actual competition was to be met.

The returning veterans were: Adam Marzec and Marion Piwowar, pitchers, Joseph Walczak, third baseman, and Raymond Biegas, outfielder. Additions to the team consisted in:

Norbert Romej
Eugene Glowacki
Frank Macielak
Erwin Kurczewski
Arthur Koscinski
Norman Przybylski
John Sabiniewicz
Edward Mrozinski
Charles Wilk
Raymond Zając
Edwin Polanski
Frank Zaborowski
Richard Szczodrowski
Joseph Gazdecki
Richard Szafranski

St. Mary was placed in the Parochial League's First Division—East Side and oppose the following in an eight game schedule.

April 25—St. Stanislaus at Orchard Lake
April 28—St. Anthony at Orchard Lake
May 3—St. Mary at St. Benedict
May 7—St. Ladislaus at Orchard Lake
May 14—St. Mary at Catholic Central
May 17—St. Catherine at Orchard Lake
May 21—St. Mary at St. Joseph's
May 24 De La Salle at Orchard Lake

Our Coach

COACH BRUNO NEUMANN

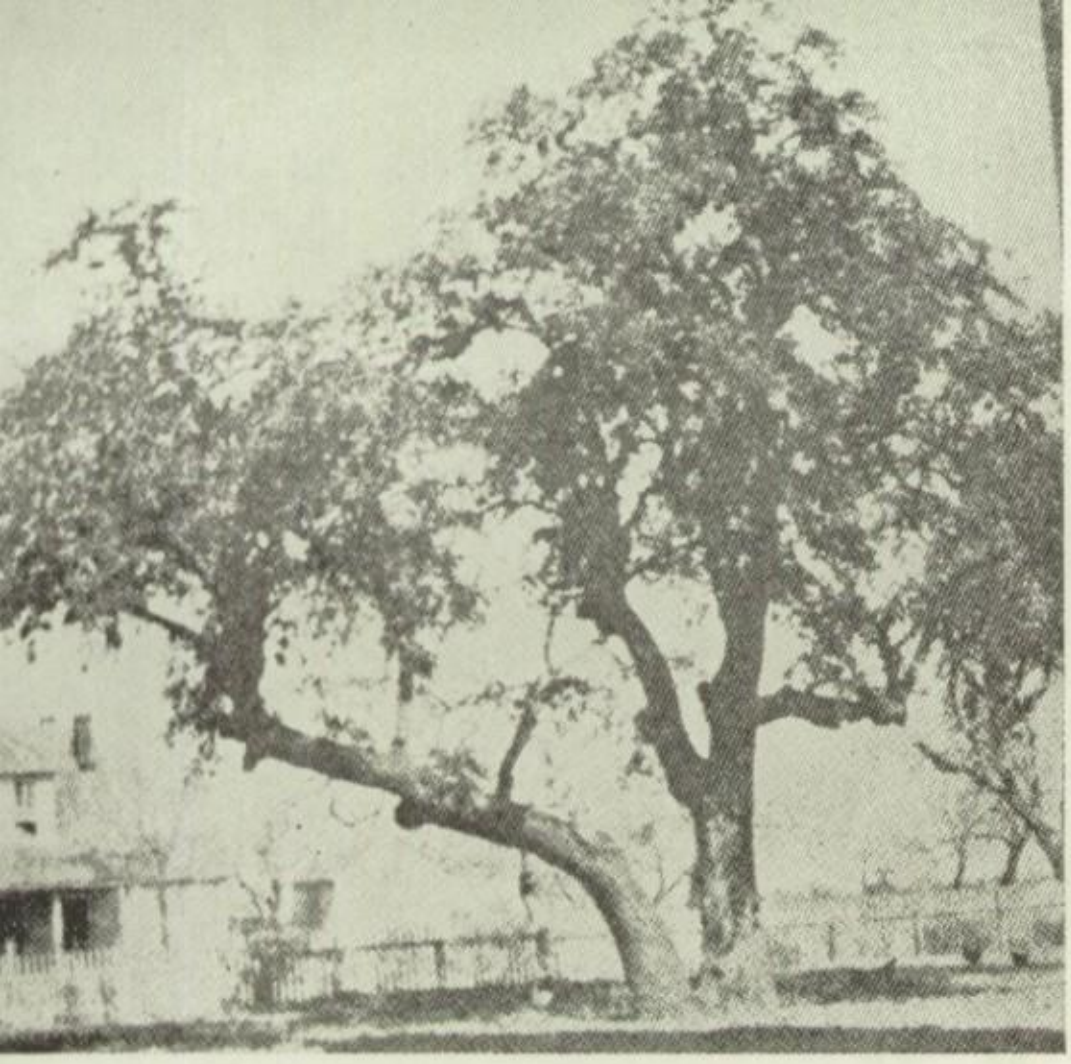
The Refugee

From alien lands, one in a multitude
Of alien multitudes — a vagrant, blown
And buffeted by storms — I groped alone
Through countless hours and days until I stood
With night upon my soul outside your gate.
I saw the light held up in your strong hand
To welcome all who would approach your land,
To lead all, all who came to seek and wait.

Oh, there are brambles on these garments still,
And there is stain; but wounds are cleansed and healed.
The broken bone is set; the soul, once ill,
Has found a buttress and a shining shield;
The arm, its strength to reach beyond the bars
And touch the sun by day — by night the stars!

Victoria Janda.

We present . . . .



Polonian Panorama

. . . . On Christmas, December 25, 1854, some eight or nine hundred Poles from Silesia crowded reverently around a massive oak tree on top of a hill near the junction of San Antonio and Cibolo rivers in southern Texas. Under that oak Father Leopold Moczygemba of the Franciscan Friars Minor Conventual celebrated the first Mass for Polish peasant folk on American soil. Under that oak the Polish immigrants organized their first church dedicating it to the Immaculate Conception ninety years ago. Since that time, like the oak, they have spread their branches wide over America and sunk their roots deep into American soil, becoming an organic part of American soul and sinew . . .

One Moment, Please...

The POLONIAN PANORAMA is a miscellany prepared by the graduates of St. Mary's College during their senior year 1945-1946. While it contains no new factual data beyond what is already available in Polish or in English, it has (we hope) some original pictures and comments. Above all, it tries to suggest a different approach to Polish-American life—a telescopic presentation of facts and photos, emphasizing not so much the storied past either of the Polish heritage or of Polish heroes in America as the living present of Polish-American institutional as well as personal achievement and promise.

An undertaking of this kind implies selection of material dictated by personal preferences as well as by limitations of space. Of the two restrictive influences, the former perhaps has been more operative: it has been our set purpose to feature the Polish-American Community, THE POLONIA, with its characteristic institutions, its builders and its present-day maintainers. If we have stressed, at times exclusively, the achievements of American born or bred individuals, we have done so, not with any intent to slight or depreciate the tremendous contributions of immigrant Poles, but rather to bring our theme more clearly into focus and to suggest newer avenues of research and study.

The materials that have gone into the making of this panorama are twofold: pictorial and documental. The essays and comments derive from sources indicated in the selected bibliography, which is also intended to point out further topics of interest. The illustrations, taken from photographs supplied almost entirely by students and friends, are all authentic—real pictures of real Polish-Americans, actual views of extant Polish-American institution and achievements.

In the preparation of this close-up of Polish-American life, we have naturally incurred many debts which we most gratefully acknowledge. And we sincerely hope that this finished product, the result of numerous efforts and suggestions, will justify the expectations of the many gracious friends who have favored us with their help, the Director of St. Mary's College Library whose facilities have been at our disposal, and the authors whose studies have provided us with invaluable information and ideas. BÓG ZAPŁAĆ!

Rev. Joseph Swastek Faculty Director.

Bernard Dominick Student Director.

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Who Are The

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People

Polish Americans?

Giant United States has a population of 132 million. In this vast human family, Americans of Polish descent are a comparatively small group. Estimates of their number vary from 3 to 9 million. If the truth lies somewhere in the middle (and 6 million is the most popular estimate), then 1 out of 22 Americans walking down the street is likely to be of Polish stock.

Polish Americans come in all sizes and shapes. You will find among them tall blond farmers and steelworkers, short stocky miners and machinists, dark fat butchers, bakers and grocers, fair-skinned dentists, doctors, bishops and undertakers.

Polish Americans do not specialize in any particular trade, profession or avocation. Like you, they take a bit of everything — from sports to opera and higher mathematics. But sweating in mills and mines, raising food, running businesses and offices, attending church and school, writing, painting, composing, they work side by side with you in the building of a better America.

You may run into a Polish-American girl or matron at Marshall Fields', Hudson's or Macy's. She will be as pretty, or as plain, as the woman sitting beside you on the bus or beating you out of a seat on the street-car.

Polish Americans speak Broklynese in Brooklyn. In Boston, their accent is as precise as Emerson's ever was. Most of them, however, speak the general American of the Middle West. Some few below the Mason-Dixon out-you-all the Georgia Yanceys; others, out where the West begins, can yippee-aye-yay with the most voluble cowboy.

Polish Americans are simply people like you, intensely devoted to America, the mother country of 5 out of every 6 of them. If they differ from you at all, it is only in the spelling of their names (though not always) and, perhaps, in the attachment they cultivate for the heritage of their forefathers, which they regard as a precious trust to be further enriched and gratefully deposited at the feet of the Lady of Liberty, whose light once guided their oppressed ancestors to America.

Anthony A. Balczun

The Land

Where the Polish Americans Live

Polish Americans inhabit every one of the 48 states. You will find them among the farmers of Wisconsin and Minnesota, the miners of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, the lumberjacks of Washington and Oregon, the fruit-growers of Florida and California, the ranchers of Texas and Montana, and especially among the factory workers of New York, Illinois and Michigan.

Eight out of ten Polish Americans are most likely to live in New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Ohio, Wisconsin and Connecticut — the nine States in which about 86% of all Polish Americans are found. The home address of five out of every ten is likely to be a street in Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, New York, Hamtramck, Newark, New Jersey, Toledo, New Britain or Boston—the fourteen cities in which almost half of all Polish Americans reside.

Only about 1 out of 10 Polish Americans lives on a farm or in a small village. Wisconsin, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Minnesota and Connecticut are his favorite agricultural regions, each of the first three claiming over 30,000 farmers.

Polish-American farmers have won an enviable record in New England, reclaiming hundreds of abandoned farms. Others, in the Middle West, hold high reputation for food-growing skill.

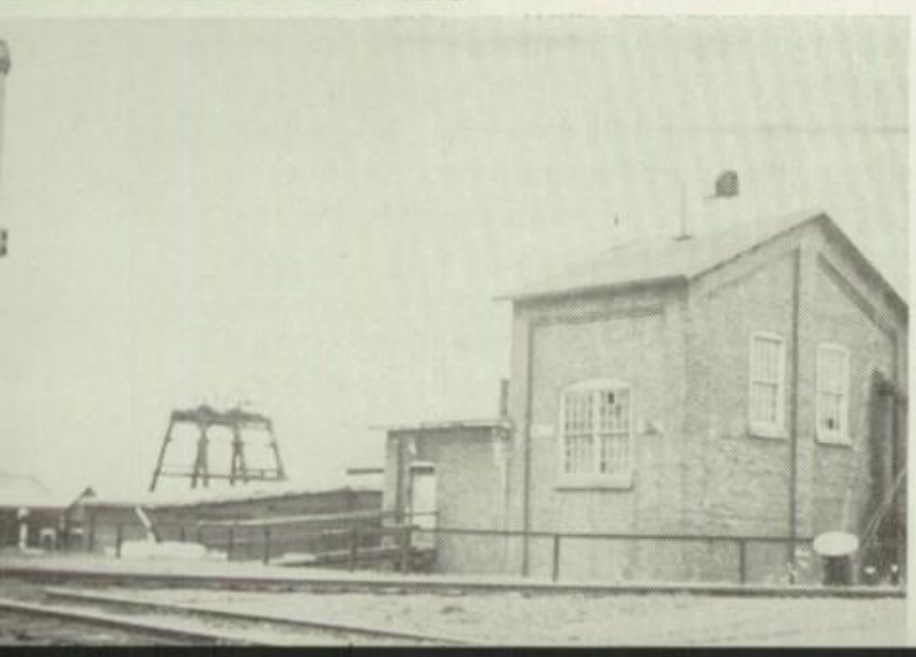
Polish American miners, as yet largely neglected by chroniclers, play an important role in the coal and iron industry. The Pennsylvania "Patch" districts contain rich ore for the historian as well as the industrialist.

Urban Polish Americans are engaged in practically all industries—manufacturing, steel, textile, leather, refining, meat, food and transportation. Many are in business and the professions. In some cities, like Chicago, Detroit, and Buffalo, they form sizable proportions of the population. They support numerous organizations and institutions. They are vocal in local politics. Their children attend parochial and public schools.

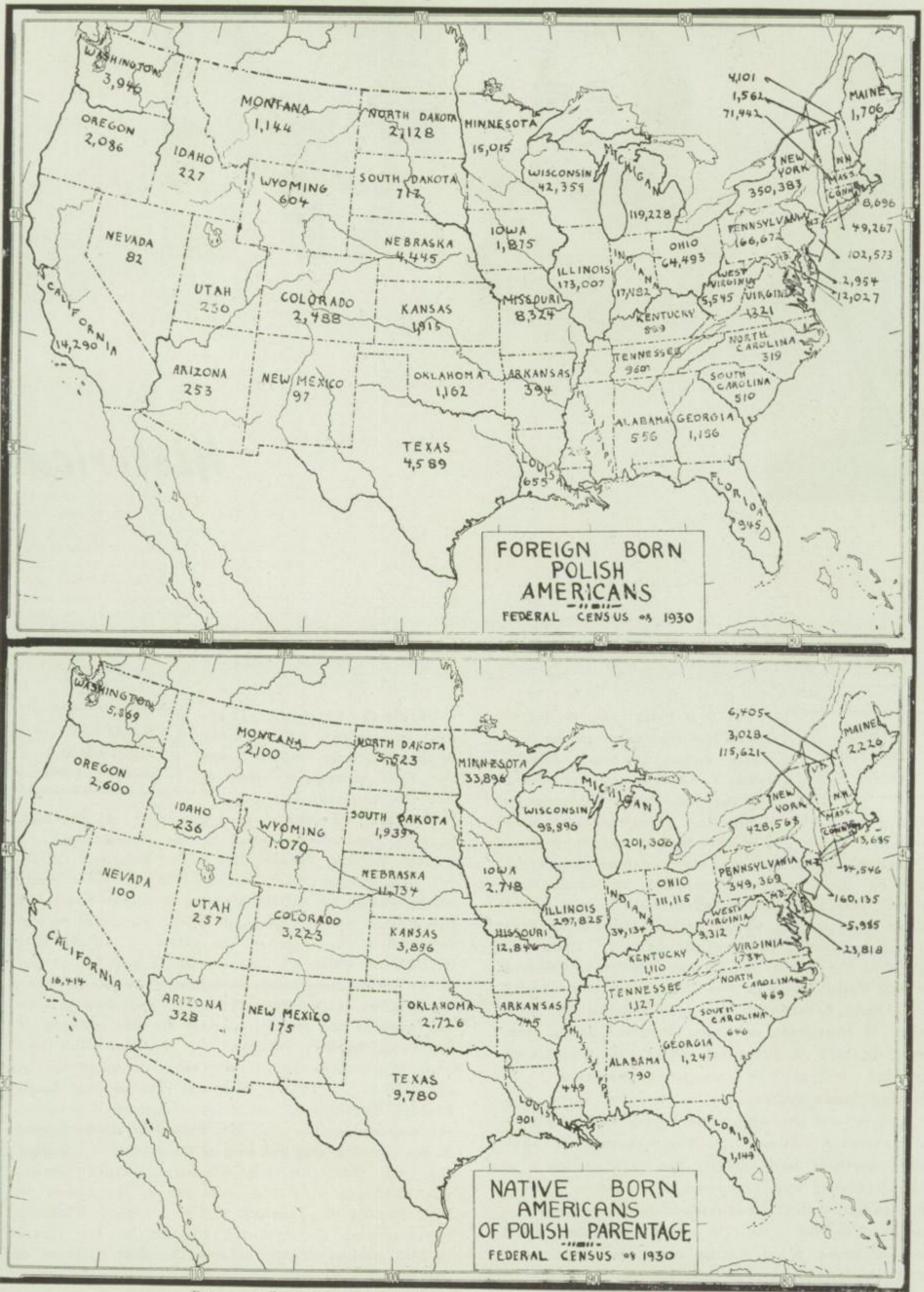
Hamtramck is perhaps the classical example of a Polish American urban community. Surrounded by Detroit, it is inhabited largely by Polish Americans who guard their city's political autonomy with jealous love. Many of Hamtramck's business places bid for attention in English and Polish. Almost every household has at least one member belonging to a political or social club or a fraternal benefit society.

But whether in the city, on the farm or in the mine, Polish Americans are today an integral living part of America, conscious of their day-to-day achievements and contributions toward the building of a better America.

Julian I. Jercha



Distribution of Polish Americans



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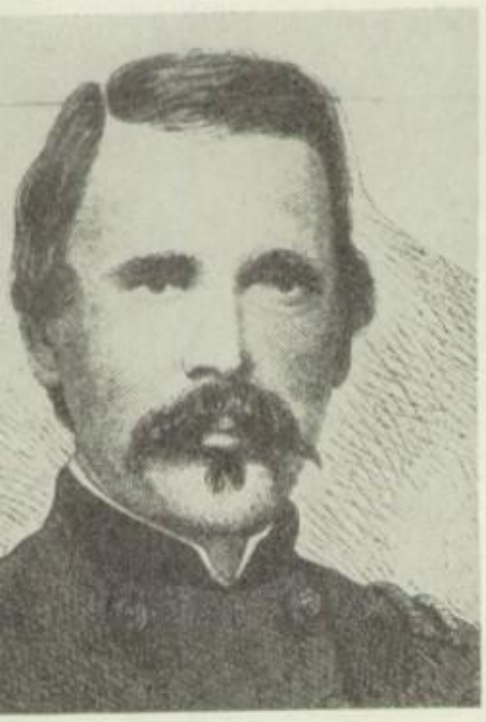
Census figures on national groups are admittedly incomplete, though the coefficient of error is difficult to determine. The Federal Census of 1930, however, is perhaps more complete than most reports, despite its neglect of the immigrants' grandsons. It is particularly useful in indicating the relative territorial distribution of Polish Americans.

The ten states most densely populated by Polish Americans (immigrants and offspring) are, in order: New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, Massachussets, Ohio, Wisconsin, Connecticut, and Indiana. The ten least densely inhabited states are, in order: Nevada, New Mexico, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Mississippi, North Carolina, Arkansas, South Carolina and Alabama.

Polish-American Historical



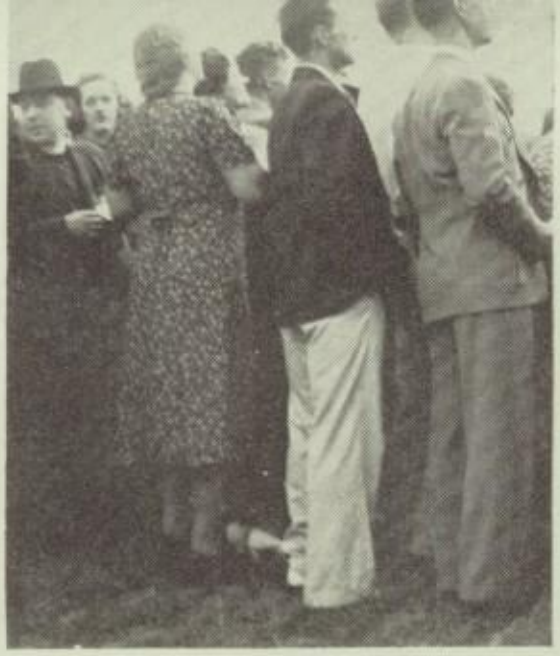
TRAIL BLAZERS (1608 — 1776)

The first Poles came to America in 1608 together with the first white women to reach Jamestown . . . Polish artisans helped lay the foundations of American industry by building the first glass, tar and soap works in Virginia . . . In 1619 the "Polonians resident in Virginia" struck a pioneer blow for American democracy by their successful demand for equal civic rights . . . An unidentified Polish youth in 1643 hailed Father Isaac Joques on the streets of New Amsterdam as a "martyr of Jesus Christ" . . . Upon the request of the Dutch, Dr. Charles Curtius established the first Latin School in New Amsterdam (New York) . . . Albert Zaborowski was commissioned the first justice of the peace in Upper Bergen County, New Jersey, in 1682 . . . His descendants, the Zabriskies, pioneered several New Jersey communities . . . Anthony Sandusky was one of the first white men to push beyond the Alleghenies about the middle of the eighteenth century . . . The Sadowski, or Sandusky, brothers were among the early pioneers of Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee . . . Charles Blaskowicz draughted the first reliable map of The New England coast in 1762 . . . By 1776 nearly every colony could boast of being, or of having been, the haven of a Polish immigrant . . .

CHAMPIONS of DEMOCRACY (1776 — 1865)

During the Revolution, Thaddeus Kościuszko, "The Father of the American Artillery", was the first prominent alien to join the American Patriots . . . His engineering skill ensured the victory at Saratoga in 1777, the turning point in the Revolution . . . Casimir Pulaski, "The Father of the American Cavalry", helped save Charleston in 1779 . . . Peter Stadnitski, called by Jefferson, "the principal broker of the United States", assisted in the financial reconstruction of the nation in the 1780's . . . In the War of 1812, in which Lt. Jan Kamiński and Lt. Stefan Laske served honorably, Kościuszko's book on "The Manoeuvers of the Horse Artillery" published in 1808 was used as the official manual for the training of American artillery officers . . . F. Piotrowicz and Felix Wardziński fought for Texan Independence in the 1830's . . . In the Mexican War of 1846 Capt. Charles Radzimiński and Capt. Napoleon Kościołowski won distinction . . . Dr. Paul Wierzbicki helped in the winning and building of California . . . During the Civil War, the first officially recorded fatality was Thaddeus Strawiński who fell in the attack on Fort Sumter in January 1861 . . . Gen. Vladimir Krzyżanowski distinguished himself at Gettysburg in 1863, and eventually became the first governor of Alaska . . .

Anthony M. Kramarz



Highlights

THE GREAT MIGRATION (1854 — 1914)

The Fifties opened a new era in Polish-American annals — mass folk immigration and group settlement which produced the Polonia Amerykańska . . . The first community sprang up at Panna Maria, Texas, in 1854, the second at Poland Corner, Wisconsin, in 1856, the third at Parisville, Michigan, in 1857 . . . Father Leopold Moczygemba, O. F. M. C. blessed the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Panna Maria in September, 1856 . . . J. Jaworski in 1863 began editing the Echo z Polski in New York City . . . In 1873 the Polish Roman Catholic Union was organized in Detroit, and seven years later the Polish National Alliance in Philadelphia . . . The Felician Sisters opened their first school in 1874 at Polonia, Wisconsin, while the Nazareth Sisters made their beginning eleven years later in Chicago . . . In the Eighties Poles came by the thousands, and in the Nineties by hundreds of thousands . . . Father Joseph Dąbrowski founded SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in 1885 . . . In the first decade of the XX century over 870,000 Poles arrived . . . The Polish Women's Alliance was organized in 1898 . . . In 1908 Rev. Paul Rhode of Chicago was consecrated the first Polish-American bishop . . . In 1913, after a decade of concerted efforts, the Polish National Council in America was organized . . .

THE NEW LIFE (1914 — 1946)

Of the first 100,000 volunteers who answered the call in 1917, 40,000 were of Polish extraction . . . The first American soldier to die in France was Joseph Czajka of Milwaukee . . . An estimated 300,000 Polish Americans saw service in 1917-18 . . . Besides, a special "Polish Army" of nearly 30,000 was organized at Niagara-on-the-Lake to assist in the liberation of Poland . . . In 1925 the Polish-American convention in Detroit organized the Polish Council for Social Advancement . . . That same year the Kosciuszko Foundation for the exchange of students between America and Poland came into existence . . . Polish-American Chicagoans in 1926 founded the Polish Arts Club . . . At the World Convention of Poles in Warsaw in 1934 Polish Americans issued their famous declaration of independence . . . Joseph L. Kania and Miecislaus Haiman established the Polish - Roman Catholic Union Archives and Museum in 1935 . . . The Polish Council in America in 1939 galvanized Polish-American aid for stricken Poland . . . In 1941 Polish Americans responded to Pres. Roosevelt's call with a mighty surge to the colors . . . The first annual meeting of the Polish-American Historical Commission was held in New York in 1943 . . . In 1944 Polish Americans convened at Buffalo to organize the Polish-American Congress.

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Polonian

The Parish

Nearly 1,000 parishes form the cornerstone of the complex social structure called POLONIA AMERYKAŃSKA, exerting a profound social and cultural as well as a religious influence on their members.

An estimated two million Roman Catholics are grouped in 831 parishes staffed by 1,503 priests. Six male religious communities, led by the Franciscan Friars Minor Conventual, the Franciscan Friars Minor and the Resurrectionists, make up a third of the parochial clergy.

The Polish National Catholic Church of America claims 118 parishes with 63,366 members.

Several Protestant and independent congregations, about one fourth the numerical strength of the Polish National Catholic Church, complete the parochial organization of Polish Americans.

The Press

In New York appeared the first Polish-American Magazine, POLAND, HISTORICAL, LITERARY, MONUMENTAL AND PICTURESQUE, (1842) and the first newspaper, ECHO Z POLSKI, (1863).

Since then over 600 publications, mostly Polish, have been launched in 97 cities. Today about 150 function for an estimated one million readers, headed by 9 Polish dailies and 36 weeklies. The oldest daily is Milwaukee's 58-year old KURJER POLSKI, but perhaps the most influential is the 54-year old DZIENNIK CHICAGOSKI. The oldest weekly, 65-year old ZGODA, appears in Chicago.

Outstanding English language publications are the POLISH-AMERICAN STUDIES and the ANNALS OF THE P. R. C. U. ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM.

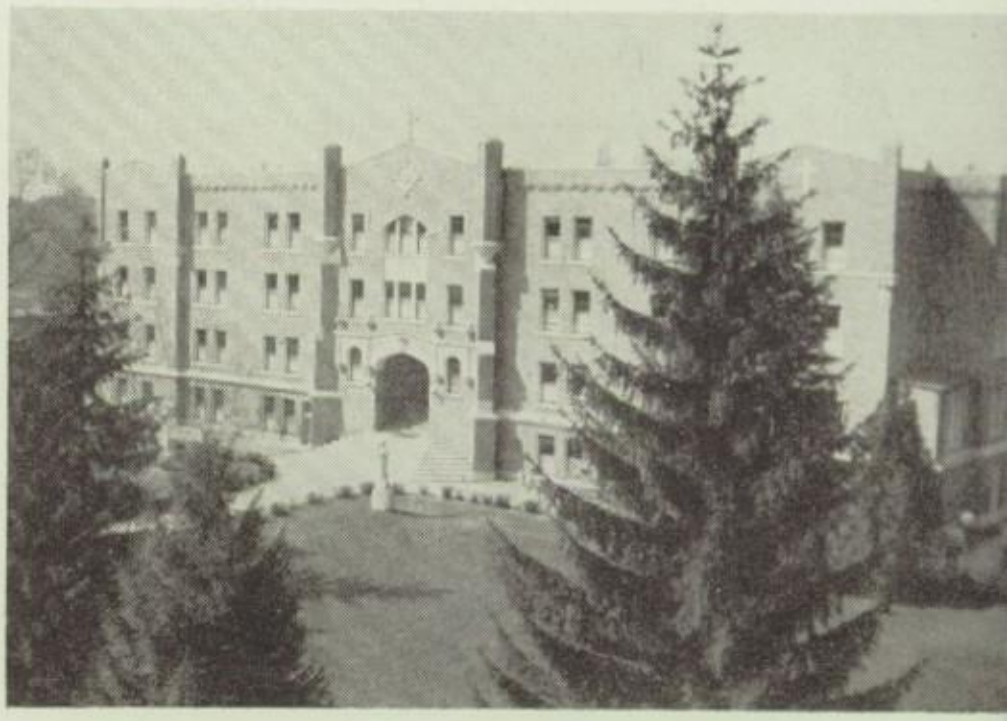
The Society

With 104 years of creditable achievement, and serving almost every imaginable purpose, an estimated 10,000 Polish-American societies attract about one million members.

Founded three decades after the short-lived TOWARZYSTWO POLAKÓW W AMERYCE of 1842, the 73-year old POLISH-ROMAN CATHOLIC UNION is today the oldest and second largest organization, exceeded only by the POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE which has over 275,000 members.

THE POLISH AMERICAN HISTORICAL COMMISSION, the KOŚCIUSZKO and PULASKI FOUNDATIONS, the CHICAGO ARTS CLUB and the POLISH MUSEUM AND SOCIETY OF HISTORY IN AMERICA represent new directions. The most influential and representative, however, is the national federation, THE POLISH-AMERICAN CONGRESS.

Institutions



SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary

The School

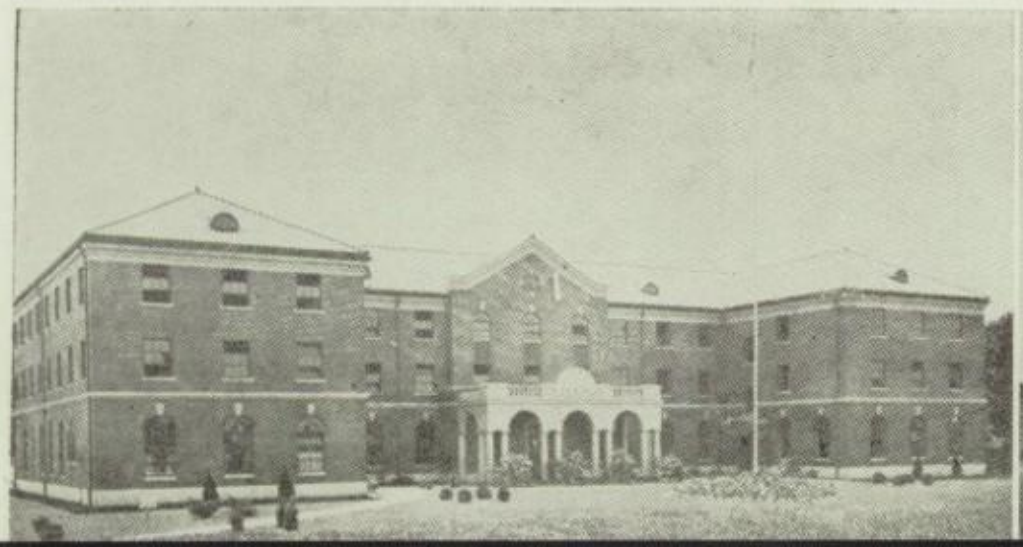
Eighty years ago in Panna Maria, Texas, the Resurrectionist Adolph Bakanowski gave rise to the educational institutions which today number some 700 units covering the whole school system.

As integral parts of the parish, Polish-American schools are predominantly Roman-Catholic, comprising 553 grade and 70 high schools, 6 colleges and 4 seminaries with an estimated personnel of 175,000. Their crowning achievement is SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary at Orchard Lake, Michigan which has given America several hundred priests.

Eleven Polish-American Sisterhoods numbering over 9,300 members supply most of the teachers, the Felicians, the Nazaratenes and the Josephines being most active.

Benjamin D. Wyszomierski

Alliance College



St. Hyacinth Seminary

Polonian

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"We came not empty-handed here but brought a rich inheritance," writes an immigrant poet. That these words are no empty boast is perhaps most vividly portrayed by the colorful pageantry of Polish-American customs.

In January, on the Feast of the Epiphany, Polish Americans write on doors the initials K+M+B and the current year with especially blessed chalk to honor the Three Wise Men — Kasper, Melchior, and Baltazar.

March usually introduces Punchki Day and the devotion of Christ's Passion, "Bitter Sorrows", with its touching hymns and meditations on the sufferings of Jesus.

With April comes Easter. On Holy Saturday, young and old hurry to church with huge baskets of holiday food under their arms. This is the "Shvyentsonka" or Food-Blessing — the blessing by the priest of victuals for holiday consumption . . . Easter Sunday services begin at dawn with a solemn

Customs

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procession of all the parishioners marching thrice around the church.

In June, Polish Americans celebrate Corpus Christi with open-air processions to four different altars, at each of which one of the four Gospels is read and Benediction given. June is also the month of many weddings and colorful open-air picnics.

August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption, is popularly known as the Feast of Our Lady of the Greenery because bouquets of flowers are brought to church to be blessed.

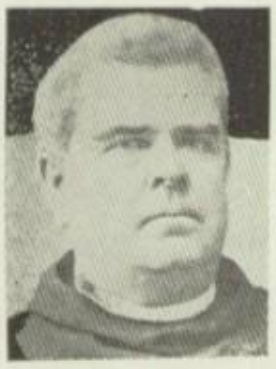
October and November give many Polish Americans, especially the Jadwigas, Jan Kantys, Stanislavs, and Jozafats, a chance to celebrate namesdays for namesdays enjoy greater popularity than birthdays.

December brings Christmas. On Christmas Eve, all the members of the family share the "opwahtek"—token of brotherly love and mended friendship. This takes place at the evening feast, the "Vilia", after which gifts are exchanged; then all attend the Pasterka (Midnight Mass), singing the beautiful Kolendy.

Sigismund J. Mierzwiak

Polonian

Yesterday



Fr. Moczygemba

Fr. Dąbrowski

Mother Monica

P. Kiołbassa

A. Schreiber

Not lone meteors but ma.ter-moulders were the Polish-American leaders of yesterday—men and women with a profound sense of social responsibility who welded the teeming immigrant masses into a highly productive cultural unit, the **POLONIA AMERYKAŃSKA.**

Intrepid Fr. Leopold Moczygemba of the Conventual Franciscans brought the first group of Polish settlers to Panna Maria, starting the great migration of Polish peasants to America.

Rev. Joseph Dąbrowski, printer, wr.ter, spiritual director and founder of the first seminary for Pol sh American priests, made perhaps the greatest individual contribution to Polonian cultural development.

Mother M. Monica Sybilska, organizer extraordinary, was the guiding genius behind the phenomenal growth of the Felician Sisterhood in its first decades in America.

"The first self-made Polish American" is perhaps the best designation for Peter Kiołbassa, immigrant, Civil War captain, teacher in Texas, and first political leader in Chicago's rising Polonia.

Bushy-bearded Anthony Schreiber was a dynamic force in the hey-day of the Polish National Alliance before World War I and founder of the influential DZIENNIK ZWIĄZKOWY.

The first Polish-American Catholic bishop and for years the most influential Polonian leader was Bishop Paul Peter Rhode of Chicago and Green Bay, Wis.

From immigrant to Illinois state teasurer was the leap made by John Smulski, outstanding World War I Polonian financier, organizer and lay leader.

Energetic, social-minded Stephania Chmielińska was the organizer and first president of the Pol'sh Women's Alliance and founder of the weekly GŁOS POLEK.

Called the "Father of the Pol'sh Army in the United States", Dr. Teofil Starzyński, Falcon president, played an important role during World War I as an army organizer.

Black-robed Very Rev. Hyacinth Fudziński laid the foundation for the growth of the Polish Conventual Franciscans in America and organized the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph.

Others who deserve at least a brief mention, even though lack of space prevents insertion of their pictures, are: the Resurrection'st Father Vincent Barzyński, the most influential figure in the early religious history of the Chicago Polonia; Fr. John Pitass, religious and civic patriarch of Buffalo; Fr. Venceslav Kruszka, stormy petrel of the Polish-American clergy, writer, historian and leading exponent of the Polish version of Cahenslyism; Vladislav Dyniewicz, Chicago publisher, whose millions of Polish pamphlets and books reached into every corner of the Polonia; Casimir Żychliński, "father of the Polish Falcons in America" and several times president of the Polish National Alliance; Stanislav Osada, journal'st, historian, social reformer, and one of the keenest and most intelligent observers of Polish-American development.

All these and still many others wait for future Polish-American biographers to set down in writing their manifold contributions to the building of the Polonia and America.

Marian J. Leśniak

Bishop Rhode

T. Starzyński

S. Chmielińska

J. Smulski

Fr. Fudziński

Leaders Today

Self-made men and women who came up the hard way, the present leaders and spokesmen of the Polonia speak and act with the confidence that comes from the conviction, born of splendid achievement, that they have a valuable heritage to maintain and a rich contribution to make to their American homeland.

Champion of Polish-American cooperation is aggressive Charles Rozmarek, chairman of the Polish-American Congress. A former president of the Polish National Alliance, the largest Polonian organization, he now heads the most influential and vocal body in Polish American circles.

Auxiliary to Cardinal Mooney and presiding judge of the archdiocesan matrimonial court in Detroit, self-effacing Pennsylvania-born Bishop Stephen Woźnicki holds the spiritual leadership vacated by the late patriarchal Bishop Rhode. As chairman of numerous organizations and treasurer of The Polish Relief Fund, he directs the several million dollar relief action of Polonian federated groups.

White-haired, lanky Chicagoan, John Joseph Olejniczak since 1941 heads the Polish Roman Catholic Union, the oldest and second largest Polish-American federated society, which sponsors and supports the Archives and Museum in Chicago and annually assists the educational institutions at Orchard Lake, Mich.

Educator and relief-worker, socially-minded Honorata Wołowska is president of the Polish Women's Alliance of America and board member of nearly every important centralized committee in the Polonia.

Quiet, soft-spoken Bishop Stanislav Bona of Green Bay, born and educated in Chicago and in Rome, was professor of languages and editor of a Polish weekly before his consecration to the episcopate in 1932. His tact and diplomacy were largely responsible for the success of the first convention held in Buffalo in 1943 by the Polish-American Congress.

Trim, precise Francis X. Świetlik, dean of Marquette Law School, is president of the Polish-American Council founded in 1939. Though remaining largely in the background, he nevertheless wields a real influence among Polish Americans.

Of Wisconsin and Pennsylvania background, head of the seminary, college and high school at Orchard Lake, the oldest Polonian institutions of higher learning, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward Szumal occupies a position of tremendous trust not only for the present but also for the future of the Polonia.

Foremost Polish-American orator, Congressman Alvin O'Konski of Wisconsin, former university professor, is today the most outspoken exponent of Polonian views on current political affairs.

From the steerage to a university professorship in 11 years—that is the story of Stephen Mierzwa (Mizwa), a peasant boy who once taught economics at Drake and now heads the Kościuszko Foundation which he organized for intercultural exchange between Poland and America.

Last but by no means least is retiring, scholarly Miecislav Haiman, leading Polish-American historian, co-founder and guiding genius of the P.R.C.U. Archives and Museum, the greatest storehouse and repository of Polish and Polonian achievements, records and relics in the Western Hemisphere.

Congressman John Dingell and John Lesinski, board member of the Federal Reserve System Miecislav Szymczak, Federal Judge Arthur Kościński and radio orator Fr. Justin Figas, O. F. M. C. are also influential Polish Americans.

Marian J. Leśniak

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S. Mierzwa

Msgr. Szumal

F. Świetlik

H. Wołowska

On the Battle Front

"Americans of Polish origin have splendidly upheld the tradition of both the Polish and American people. Their record on the field of battle is a brilliant chapter of American history", wrote Thomas E. Dewey, Governor of New York in 1945.

This record goes back beyond December 7, 1941, to an earlier "day of infamy", September 1, 1939, when Hitler's legions blitzkrieged their way into Poland. Among the Polish Americans who flocked to the colors the best known is Lieutenant Bronislav Godlewski of Chicago. Only 17, he was rejected by the American army, but managed to join the Polish Air Force. Today, armless, Godlewski is one of the few men wearing three national decorations for bravery — Polish, British and American.

Miecislaus Haiman, leading Polish-American historian, estimates that about one millon Americans of Polish descent served in the American armed forces. Five attained the rank of general: Joseph E. Barzyński, West Point graduate and Dean of Polish-American servicemen; John Rataj, John Wiśniewski, Matyka and Krygier. The Marine Corps was liberally sprinkled with Andrzejewskis, Karasiewiczs and Modzelewskis. The Army and Navy had their share of "skis" and "wiczs." And so did the WACS, SPARS and WAVES.

In every theatre of War crosses mark the graves of Polish-American boys. In Pearl Harbor lies Pfc. Robert Niedzwiecki of Grand Rapids, one of the war's first fatalities. On Guadalcanal rests Marine Corp. Stanley Narkon of Long Island. In a German cemetery next to Gen. George S. Patton lies Detroit-born Pfc. John Przywara. In the mid-Pacific sleeps Sgt. Alexander T. Kaczmarczyk of Torrington, Conn., who died on the twelfth night of Capt. Rickenbacker's famous adventure.

Brig. Gen. J. Barzyński

Lt. Col. F. Gabreski

Ever aggressive, Polish Americans led in the attack. The first American soldier to step on Sicily was Sgt. Joseph Parylak; the first to land at Anzio was Pvt. Walter P. Krzysztofiak of Summit, Ill.; the first American chaplain to set foot on French and German soil was Capt. Venantius Szymanski of Detroit. The first American woman to land on Munda and New Georgia was Army Nurse Second Lt. Dorothy P. Shikoski from Green Lake, Wis., Lt. George Klimowicz of Stevens Point, Wis.. was one of three American officers who first entered German territory in August, 1944.

Outstanding deeds of valor and sacrifice also speak eloquently for Polish Americans. Lt. Col. Francis S. Gabreski of Oil City, Pa., shot down 31 German planes to become one of America's flying aces. It was a Polish American, Sgt. Alexander A. Drabik of Holland, Ohio, who seized the Remagen bridge in a surprise move and opened wide the way for the conquering Americans into Germany. Sgt. Joseph Sadowski of Perth Amboy, N. J., gave his life for his buddies and won the Nation's highest award, the Congressional Medal of Honor, which was awarded posthumously to his parents.

Bernard J. Dominick

The Sadowskis

Lt. B. Godlewski

Sgt. A. Kaczmarczyk

On the Home Front

The number of ways in which Polish-American civilians have contributed to the war effort is as numerous and varied as the battlefields on which Polish-American soldiers have fought.

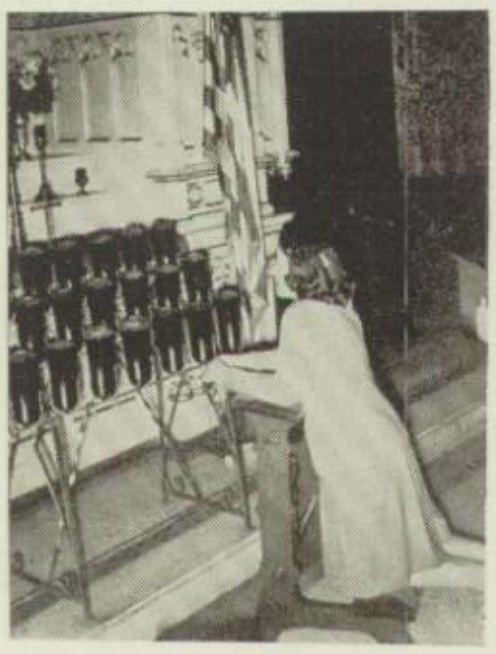
Take war bond purchases as a start. In the Fourth War Loan Drive in Chicago, the Polish Americans led all other purchasers with over $14 million. They were first also in the Fifth Drive with more than $20 million. Up to September, 1944, the Polish National Alliance had $14 million in bonds; the Polish Roman Catholic Union's purchases amounted nearly to $9 million.

Perhaps the outstanding individual effort in this connection was that of Mrs. Francis P. Tarnapowicz of Pittsburgh, chairman of the 4th Area Nationality Group Division, who was responsible for the sale of nearly 270 million dollars in bonds among 101 national groups in Pennsylvania.

The parish was the outlet for the many local activities—servicemen's clubs, package sending committees, letter-writing groups, and bulletin distributors. Women of the parish formed knitting circles that supplied servicemen with woolens; they prepared and rolled bandages, and served as Red Cross aids. Young Ladies' Sodalities sponsored parties for servicemen or took part in special devotions and prayers for the men and women at the front.

Not all Polish-American mothers could boast like Mrs. Rose Radziminska, California's "Number one War Mother", or like Chicago's Mrs. Frances Dyke, of having eleven sons in service. But instances like the following in Reading, Pa., were common throughout the Polonia: Mrs. B. Dębkowska, six sons in service; Mrs. B. Morawska, five; Mrs. Dykta, Gardecka, Kupiszewska, Lapinska, Nabożna, and Waszkiewicz, four each. Mrs. M. Kujawa of St. Cloud, Minn., pictured at left is the mother of five servicemen.

Mother of Five Servicemen



Praying for his return

Even school children and high school youngsters helped by collecting scrap and paper. They bought war stamps and bonds themselves, and at the same time promoted their sale in the neighborhood. They enthusiastically took first-aid courses to be ready for any emergency, and they cheerfully worked in the family Victory gardens. Typical of their youthful zeal was the slogan of the pupils of Sweet st Heart of Mary School in Detroit: "Hearts works for TANKS not for THANKS!"

In addition, besides generously supporting the Red Cross, the Catholic Bishops' Relief, the USO and the CSO, Polish Americans organized their own special committees to alleviate the sufferings of Polish refugees and war victims. Most prominent of these were: American Relief for Poland, The Catholic League, and The Polish-American Congress Relief.

In appreciation of these activities, the late Pres. F. D. Roosevelt wrote in May, 1944: "All of us are proud of . . . the unsparing effort of this group of Americans in our war effort . . ."

Bernard J. Dominick

Knitting Circle

First Aid Course

Victory Garden

Polish Prose

The lion's share of Polish-American prose is in Polish, and much of the English portion (which is our exclusive concern here) belongs to non-literary writing. But in any event, whatever its character, this prose has an importance over and beyond its rhetorical quality: as the product of American born or bred writers of Polish origin, it possesses an historical and sociological value for students of cultural interaction.

Illinois-born Frederick Schwatka (1842-92) is perhaps the first American author of Polish parentage to write in English. His descriptive volumes, particularly NIMROD OF THE NORTH and ALONG ALASKA'S GREAT RIVER, enjoyed wide popularity.

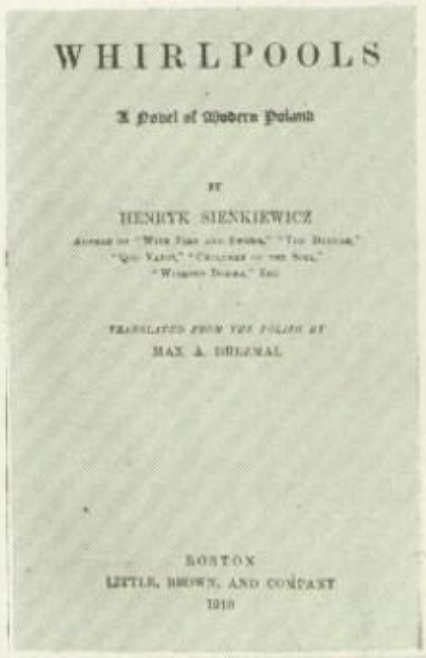
Marya de Mankowski, Houston-born, seems to be the first Polonian translator. Her translations of J. Jasienczyk's TEN YEARS IN COSSACK SLAVERY and B. Prus' PHARAOH were avidly read in the early 1900's. Another early translator was Max A. Drezmal, who Englished Sienkiewicz's WHIRLPOOL and IN DESERT AND WILDERNESS before World War I.

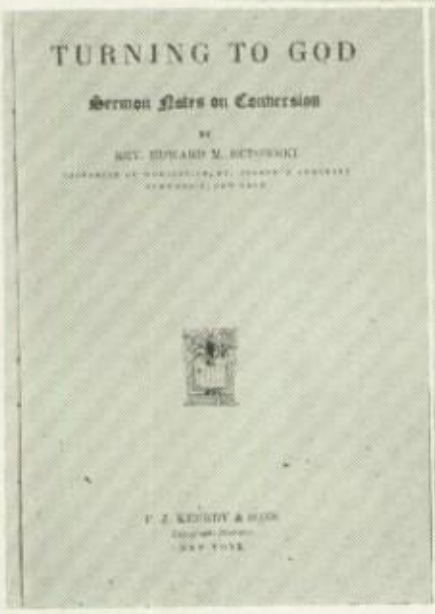
The real beginnings of Polish-American literary activity date from the late Twenties. American-reared Leocadia Popowska won the 1927 Harper Intercollegiate Literary Prize with her short-story novel, THE LIVING SAND. In 1937 Minnesota-born Monica Krawczyk wrote a prize-winning novel NO MAN ALONE, following it up with QUILTS and a stream of short stories and articles. In 1941, American-trained Joan Konopka published DUST OF OUR BROTHERS' BLOOD.

Most popular among the male writers of fiction is Joseph Marshall (Krechniak), regular contributor to several national magazines. In 1943, Richard Huzarski published BRUSHLAND BILL, a novel of the Wisconsin northwoods. Most recently critical acclaim has greeted Walter Karig's realistic novel LOWER THAN ANGEL and Joseph Wedda's JASNA POLANA.

Within the last decade article writing has also found increasing numbers of devotees. Popular magazine articles have been coming from the pens of A. Bielaski, Bernard Adamkiewicz, Demaree Bess (Berezniak), H. Rosinski (Miles), James Dombrowski, Edward Falkowski, Arthur Bromirski, Stanley Vishnewski, Thaddeus Slesinski, Al Antczak, Francis Gostomski, William Holubowicz, John Tedlowski and others. Contributions in a more serious vein have come from Paul Studenski, Frank J. Drobka, Frank T. Nowak, Alphonse Wolanin and Sigmund Uminski.

Perhaps the largest contribution made by a single social group of Americans of Polish descent to Polish-American prose is that of the clergy, from whom have come numerous theological, philosophical, historical, scientific, devotional, and literary works — books and articles. An incomplete list of these American-born or trained priest-writers of Polish



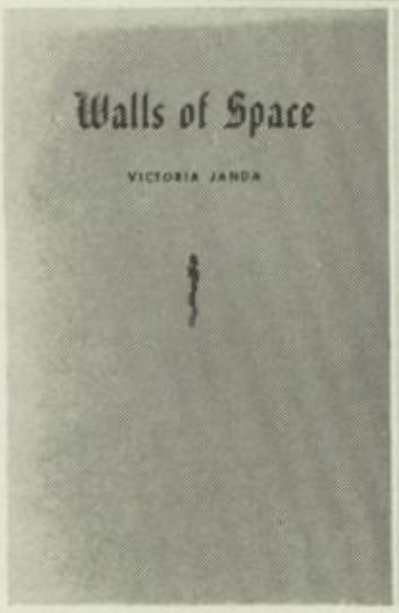


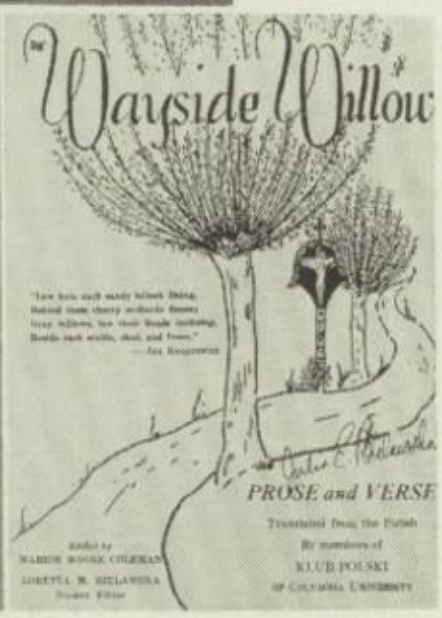
origin includes such names as: John Zybura, John Rolbiecki, Edward Betowski, Edward Dworaczyk, Aloysius Biskupek, Stanislaus Woywood (Wojewoda), Cyril Piontek, Leo Pyzalski, Felix Seroczynski, John Pawelski, Anthony J. Zielinski, John Mix, Stanislaus Grabowski, Chester Ropella, Joseph Swastek, Joseph Przudzik, Antonine Bochenski, Samuel Bonikowski, Maurice Grajewski, Jerome Pokorny, Stanley Matuszewski, A. Zychlinski, Stanley Borucki and others.

One of the most encouraging recent developments in Polish-American writing circles has been an increasing awareness of the literary possibilities inherent within the Polonian community itself. Soon perhaps short stories, novels and articles will start appearing, making known to all America the dramatic riches that today lie largely untouched and unexploited.

Edwin H. Myszak

American Poetry





American born or bred poets of Polish parentage writing in English are few in number. Yet though their ranks be small, their contributions command attention. They bring with them a new interest and a fresh energizing spirit into American literature, of which they are a real though a small part.

Until the end of World War I, English poetry written by Polish Americans consisted mainly of translations from the Polish poets done by refugees like J. Podbielski and P. Sobolewski, the latter in 1881 editing THE POETS AND POETRY OF POLAND. Several original poems, nostalgic or defiant in sentiment, came from the pens of the exiles, A. Jakubowski and J. Allen, and from Chicago's prolific Teofila Samolinska who, however, wrote chiefly in Polish.

In the 1920's appeared the first collection of original English poems authored by a youthful Polish-American. DEAF WALLS by Philadelphia-born Edmund Kowalewski was a work of unusual promise, auguring much for the youthful and talented poet, from whom unfortunately no more has been heard.

In 1934 appeared AGAINST DEATH IN SPRING by Alan Edward Symanski. Born in Grand Rapids, Symanski sang with Slavic poignancy of Krakow's ancient glamour, of the Black Madonna and the Warsaw Beggar, of Black Bread and the Immigrant. He spoke also of Michigan autumn, the Tennis Match and the Fourth Province.

In 1934 the Chicago Polish Arts Club published a bilingual volume of verse containing Polish and English selections entitled ANTOLOGIA POEZJI POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKIEJ. The latter, drawn largely from magazines and newspapers, include original poems by Bertha Czosnek, Irene Jaworski, Mira Kosicka, Theodora Pawelski and Hedwig Baran.

Other magazine contributors since are: Joseph Cherwinski, Anthony Misiukiewicz, Mary Dunaj, Felicia Cetkowski and Edith Piotrowski. Perhaps the most important in this group is Iowan Raymond Kresenski, author of numerous religious verses and of the volume, EMMAUS.

Minnesota-bred Victora Janda with her two volumes of original poems — WALLS OF THE SPACE (1945) and STAR HUNGER (1943) — is today perhaps the leading Polish-American poet. In a style reminiscent of Edna St. Vincent Millay, Janda echoes Symanski's nostalgic cry for "Poland's lore of legend, history, song", but more often she sings of her Minnesota countryside. Interesting too is her use of anglicized Polish words like Shelest for their onomotopoeic value.

Also in 1945, the youthful Polish-American Klub Polski at Columbia University published its second anthology of verse and prose translated from Polish. THE WAYSIDE WILLOW, especially the verse translations by Theodore Plucinski, George Szymanski, Filomena Dabal, Janet Narolska, Antoinette Slowinska, Charlotte Saikowska and the Bielawski sisters, is a welcome companion to THE POLISH LAND issued in 1943.

In summary, perhaps the main characteristic of this Polonian contribution to American poetry is its bicultural quality. The poetry on the one hand reflects the restless American environment in which the poets move, and on the other shows a keen awareness of the authors' share in their Polish heritage.

Perhaps in the near future a poet will also appear to sing the rich and varied lore locked in the heavy chests of the POLONIA AMERYKAŃSKA itself.

Edwin H. Myszak

Polish

Painting

Flight to Egypt

S. M. Fabia.

There is validity for the phrase Polish-American Painting: not in the sense that there exists a special school or technique, but in so far as there are Americans of Polish stock, born in the United States, who have won artistic distinction.

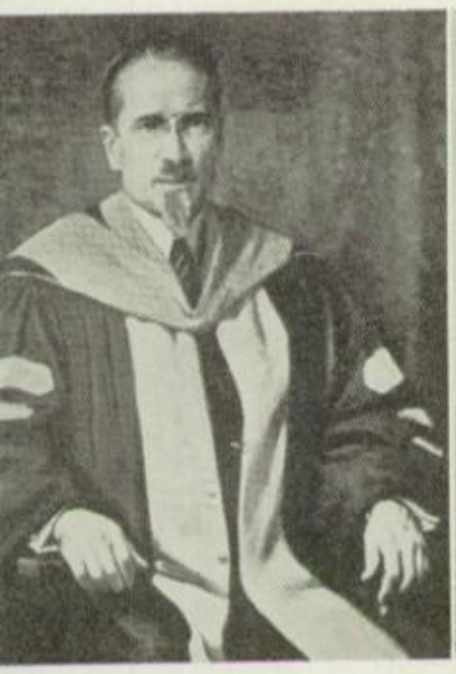
Perhaps the most promising Polish-American artist is New York-born Pulitzer prize winner Sigmund Kozlow (Kozlowski), whose impressionist landscapes, "The Country Road" and "The Covered Bridge" have won warm praise. Other American-born painters of Polish ancestry are: The securely established Makielski brothers — Leo, sensitive portraitist, and Bronislav, talented landscapist whose "Clouds" and "Cypresses" are in the Detroit Institute of Art; the robustly original Józef Bakos whose Santa Fe Canyon reposes in the Whitney Museum; the pleasingly unassuming Stanley Twardowicz whose "Shoemaker Wójcik" promises much. Rudolf Pen, Michael Reducki, Vetold Pasternacki, Boleslav Jablecki, Stefan Bielaski, Peter Dubaniewicz, Edmund Lewandowski and Antoni Hunter complete this talented group.

Less known but equally interesting are the paintings of Polish-American women. Delicately spiritualized is "The Flight to Egypt" by the recently deceased student of Jan Styka, Sister Mary Fabia, Felician. The expressive portraits — and especially that of Pius XII — by Sister Mary Stanisia, S. S. N. D., and the poetic still-life studies of Chicago's Jadwiga Krawiec also exercise a real appeal.

Among Polish-born but American-bred artists, Theodore Roszak, winner of seven art institute scholarships, and Chicago's Walter Krawiec are most versatile Warsaw-born, Boston-bred Janina Federkiewicz ranks first among the women.

Perhaps the most significant development among Polish-American painters today is that expressed by Sigmund Kozlow: "As an American with a Polish background, I would like to show the beauty of Polish folk art to the people of America".

Walter J. Masłowski



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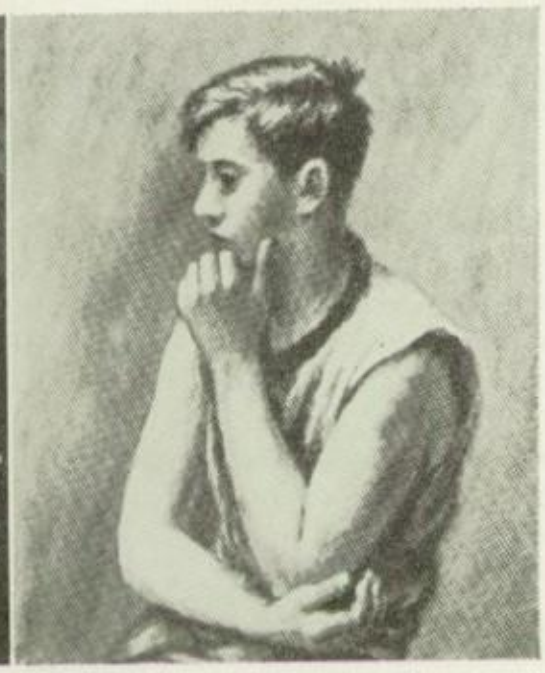

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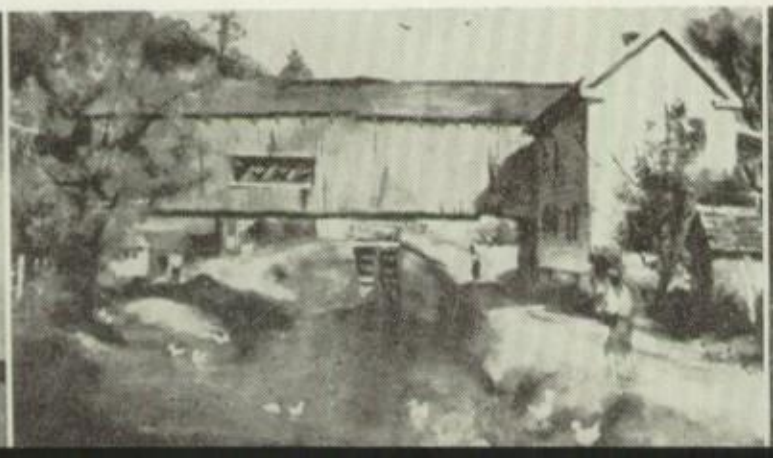

Santa Fe Canyon

J. Bakos

American

Music

More than painting, music is fast becoming the leading artistic preoccupation of Americans of Polish descent, born or bred in the United States, awakening to the creative possibilities of their European heritage. Much credit for this must go to the Chicago Polish Arts Club, which has three decades of splendid cultural achievement in the fine arts behind it.

Among Polish-American pianists 15-year old Sylvia Zaremba of Springfield, Mass. reveals extraordinary talents which have won critical acclaim in New York and Boston. Another concert favorite is prodigiously versatile 21-year old California-born Ruth Slenczynska. The latest and youngest prodigy is a 12-year old Chicagoan, Zenon Tuczyński.

Established pianists of note are: the brilliantly sensitive Chicago-born Thaddeus Kozuch; the versatile poetic New Yorker, William Koprowski; Raymond Dyczkowski of the Buffalo Philharmonic; and Alexander Brachocki a pupil of Paderewski.

Concert violinists of distiction include: Antoinette Żebrowska acclaimed as the world's best woman violinist and finest interpreter of Wieniawski; Stephen Hero of the Dayton Symphony Orchestra; and Anthony Wanat of Maryland.

Leading vocalists are: Virginia (Wallace) Wleklińska of concert and radio fame; Paula Zwane and Harriette Konopka sopranos; Tadeusz Sztuka concert tenor; radio singers Caroline Urbanek and Genia Zielińska; and Ann Kuzak of the New York Opera Co.

Of special interest is Rev. Henry Waraksa's direction of the SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary Schola Cantorum in the annual N. B. C. broadcast of Polish Kolendy. Also active director-composers are the Felician Sisters M. Bonaventura, M. Caecilia, and M. Elzearia.

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Sylvia Zaremba

St. Hyacinth — Detroit, Mich.

Immaculate Conception — Panna Maria, Texas

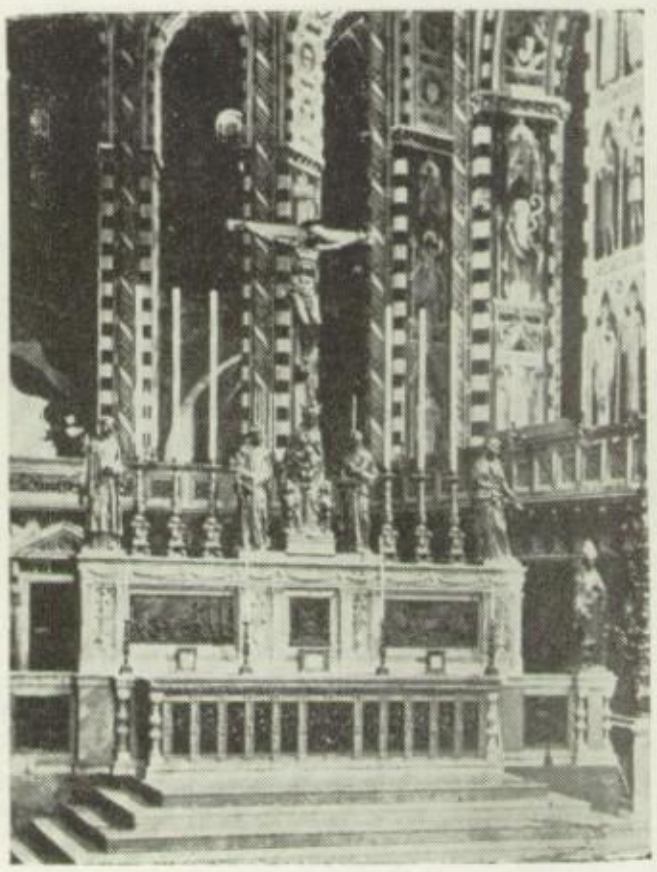
Polonian

It is no exaggeration to say that in its churches is enshrined much, if not most, of Polonia's glorious achievement. Through the years Polish Americans have built many churches — large and small, ornate and simple, but all testifying to the deep faith and earnest sacrifice of the builders. These churches also best exemplify the architectural beauties of Polonian communities.

The first original Polish-American church no longer exists. Destroyed by fire in 1877, its site is presently occupied by the second church of the Immaculate Conception at Panna Maria, Texas, designed, financed and built by the parishioners themselves.

A splendid Romanesque structure of yellow brick is St. Hyacinth's Church in Detroit. The seat of auxiliary bishop Stephen Woźnicki, it is a Polish-American landmark as well as an outstanding edifice in the city.

Two fine examples of the Polish-American Gothic are found in the Sacred Heart Church at Syracuse



St. Casimir — Baltimore, Md.

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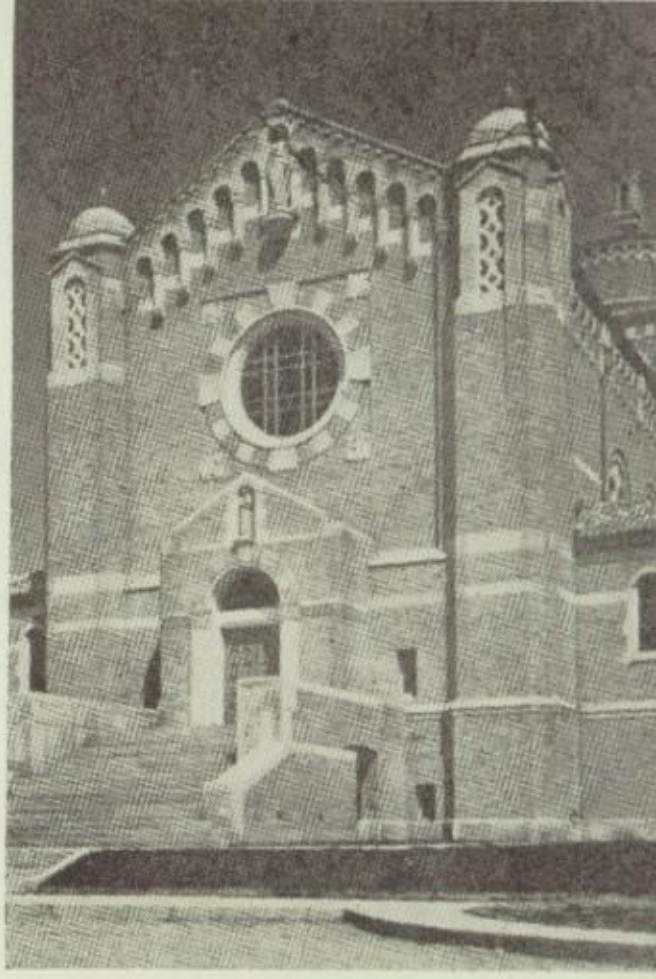
Sacred Heart — Syracuse, N. Y.

Churches



Villa St. Felix — Plymouth, Mich.

Sweetest Heart of Mary — Detroit, Mich.

and in St. Stephen's Church at Perth Amboy. The latter vies with St. Florian's Church in Hamtramck as perhaps the outstanding Polonian Gothic edifice.

Certainly the most interesting, if not also the finest, specimen of monastic style is Villa St. Felix, the Felician Sisters' Convent at Plymouth. An adaptation of Northern Italian Lombard, it is dominated by a splendidly severe Chapel flanked by two stone domes.

The interiors of many Polish-American churches contain works of art — painting, murals, stained glass, carvings, mosaics, classic altars.

Perhaps the two outstanding Polonian altars are those in Sweetest Heart of Mary Church in Detroit and in St. Casimir's Church in Baltimore. The latter is the only replica of Donatello's world-famous St. Anthony Altar.

Typical of the best in Polish-American church murals is The Slaying of St. Adalbert painted by J. Mazur in St. Adalbert's Church, Buffalo.

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St. Stephen — Perth Amboy, N. J.

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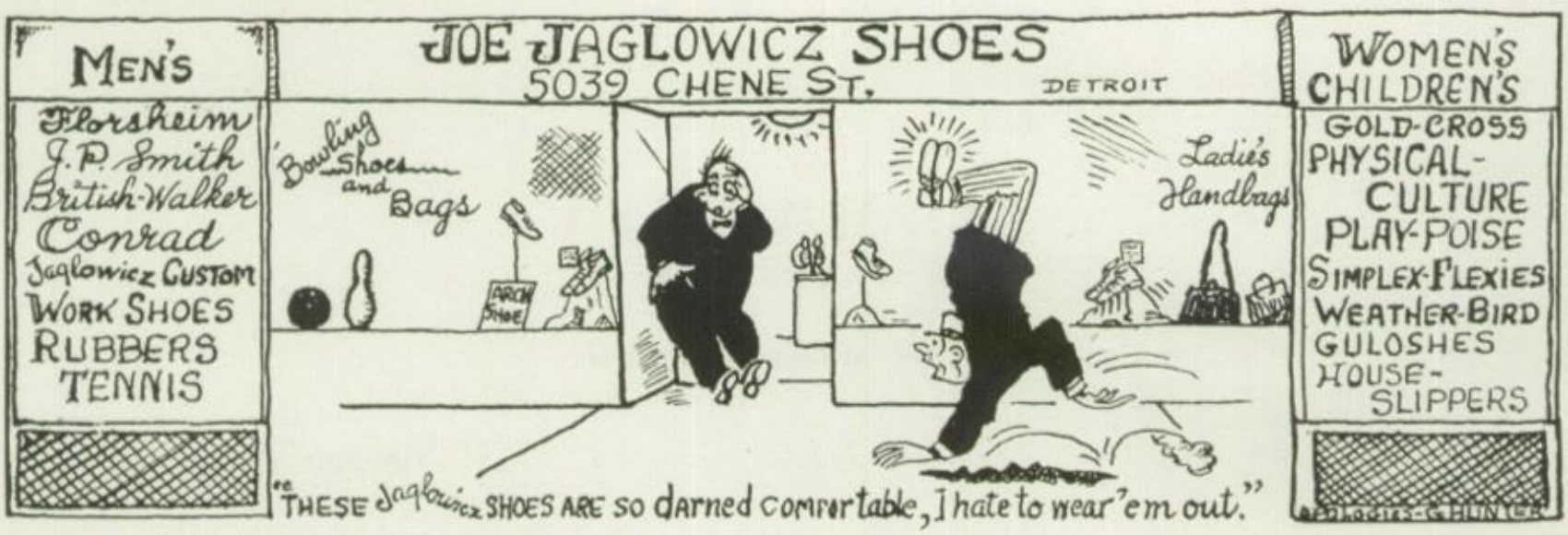

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